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# VMI, city to bring riverboats to Madison this summer

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

When American Queen Voyages announced it was suspending operations just over three months ago, it looked like there might not be any riverboats docking on the Madison riverfront this summer.

Visit Madison Inc. continued to negotiate with other cruise lines and on Friday VMI Executive Tourism Director Andrew Forrester announced a new partnership with America Cruise Lines that will see

boats dock in Madison four times this summer.

“We are delighted to partner with American Cruise Lines and welcome their passengers back to Madison,” said Forrester. “The closure of American Queen Voyages this spring was a disappointment, but we worked quickly to make sure American Cruise Lines knew we were ready to welcome their guests with open arms.”

American Cruises Lines announced in

April the purchase of the American Queen Voyages fleet of paddle wheelers — including the American Queen, American Empress, American Countess and American Duchess as well as other company assets — creating hope that riverboats might return to Madison this summer if a partnership could be arranged to make that happen. Forrester said having the

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## Madison police chief proposes traffic calming plan for East Main Street

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

A proposal to address traffic concerns on East Main Street was introduced to the Madison Board of Public Works and Safety at its meeting on Monday by Police Chief Shawn Scudder.

Under the plan, Scudder said traffic coming off Jefferson Street making a left turn onto Main Street would “immediately encounter a one lane road going east” and remain one lane from Jefferson Street to the Milton-Madison bridge.

He said the plan would address problems with how East Main is currently configured transitioning from four lanes at the Jefferson Street intersection to two lanes at St. Michaels Avenue. “With the way it is currently, when they come down on Jefferson, they turn onto Main, it’s two lanes, the people on the left lane speed way up to get ahead of people in the right lane; they want to get ahead before it’s one lane,” Scudder said, noting that leads to speeding and cutting from lane to lane.

“We’ll accomplish two things. We’ll be slowing traffic down for the pedestrians on Main Street, and also people coming from Walnut Street and East Street trying to get onto Main Street. It’s pretty tough sometimes,” Scudder said.

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said Main Street traveling west will be modified to include a left turn, right turn and straight lane at Jefferson and Main. “This should also improve traffic flow,” he said.

Courtney said the proposal is part of a four-part plan the city introduced last fall to address traffic issues on East Main Street. He said the first steps have been accomplished with better enforcement, clearing trees to ensure signage is visible and adding crosswalk markers. “We are moving forward to the traffic calming piece,” he said, noting the plans have been submitted to the Indiana Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction since the roadway is also US 421, for approval.

Courtney noted there will be another public meeting to receive input before the final plan is submitted to BPWS for final approval.

“The city of Madison has an enormous amount of local and transient traffic which brings with it significant safety issues,” the mayor said. “In response to public input we received last fall, we have designed a traffic calming plan to address safety in our busiest downtown corridor. There’s a lot more to do across the city to abate resident concerns and we are committed to improving safety for everyone city-wide.”

Courtney said the details provided Monday were “just to inform the board that we’ll be coming back in a few weeks to go over this in more detail for resolution to approve the new traffic pattern.”

## Madison’s inaugural Pride event Saturday at Lanier Mansion grounds

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

For first time ever, there will be a Madison Pride celebration for LGBTQ people of Jefferson County and their and supporters.

“It’s wake-up time,” said Larry Ricci, founder of Rainbow River Club that’s organizing Madison Pride to be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday on the grounds of the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site. “I’m not surprised that they haven’t (had a Pride event in Madison) but it’s time that we do.”

Ricci said there’s been talk in the past about having a Madison Pride event, but it’s just been talk. “After so long of people talking about it and nobody doing anything, I decided to pull together some friends and start a committee, and with that committee and multiple other people volunteering to help us, we are putting on the first Madison Pride celebration in the history of Madison and Jefferson County.”

Pride celebrations are held annually throughout the United States in the month of June — designated as Pride Month in commemoration of the Stonewall uprising in New York that occurred on June 28, 1969, when a prominent gay bar, the Stonewall Inn, was raided. Pride is characterized as a celebration of LGBTQ+ people.

Ricci said preparations for Madison Pride began one year ago, and once the planning began “it got larger and larger” because of the enthusiasm for the event. “We have had so many people wanting and asking to help, and be a part of it. And that comes from our Madison community. There is never an individual that does everything. We need each other,” he said.

The program will include speakers scheduled hourly during the event including Madison Mayor Bob Courtney, Chandler Hotel owner Matt Chandler, Lanier Mansion site manager Marnie Leist, and Janet Huber Lowry, who has advocated for PFLAG through her work at Hanover Presbyterian Church.

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## Graduations



Southwestern High School Class of 2024 celebrates in the confetti drop after being officially declared as having completed their graduation requirements on Friday at King Gymnasium.

**Right:** Madison Consolidated High School graduates (from left) Nicholas Biallas, Clayton Benkert, Cole Bechman and Kiarra Bauer await their turn to pick up their diplomas at the school’s Class of 2024 graduation ceremony on Sunday.



**Right:** Southwestern’s Joe Drossart (left) shared smiles and laughs with Southwestern principal Matt Owens after receiving his diploma at the school’s graduation ceremony on Friday night.

**Left:** Madison Consolidated High School honor graduate Jack Heckler hugs Superintendent of Schools Dr. Teresa Brown while receiving his diploma at the Class of 2024 graduation ceremony Sunday. In his address during the commencement program, Heckler talked about the power of curiosity. “I’m asking you all to continue asking questions, whether you’re continuing into school or going on into careers, stay curious ... Curiosity got humans to the moon. Curiosity makes the world a better place every day. Curiosity has brought us to where we all are today, stepping into one of the most exciting stages of our lives.”





NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS May 30, 2024

Delayna Marie Leatherbury, 30, Vevay, Indiana, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant and a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond a combined \$5,000 cash.

May 31, 2024

Christina Galbreath, 48, Madison, for Neglect of a Dependent-2 Counts, both Level 6 felonies. Bond \$1,000 cash.

John Grant Hankinson Jr., 48, Madison, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

Kyle Anthony Jaynes, 32, Vevay, Indiana, for Invasion of Privacy, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Luke Kwong Yu, 47, Madison, on a Jefferson County probation violation warrant. Bond \$5,000 cash.

June 2, 2024

Cody Boone Jewell, 33, Madison, for Battery-Domestic, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond \$5,000 cash.

Nicolas James Smith, 28, Hanover, for Battery, a Level 5 felony; and Strangulation, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

June 3, 2024

Leslie Robert Webster, 45, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (escape-violation of home detention) and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$5,000 cash.

Claytin Allen Onan, 32, Madison, on two Jefferson County Community Correction warrants (revocation of parole on residential entry and battery charges). Bond \$15,000 cash.

Heather M. Harper, 50, Madison, on two Jefferson County arrest warrants (drug and drug paraphernalia charges). Bond \$20,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS May 29, 2024

Travis Wayne Derringer, 42, North Vernon, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 66 days served but consecutive to balance of 1,460 days prior sentence for burglary (see below) of dwelling conviction plus \$689 in fees and court costs.

Eula F. Leach, 50, Madison, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended to 545 days supervised probation plus \$489 in fees and court costs.

Jeremy Doyle Howard,

39, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Theft, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 8 days served and 537 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$889 in fees and court costs.

Travis Wayne Derringer, 42, North Vernon, Indiana, for Burglary, a Level 4 felony. Sentenced to 1,450 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with no good time credit, consecutive to sentencing for drug charges (see above) plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Ricky Lee Erwin, 54, Madison, to an amended charge of Intimidation, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 1,095 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 118 days served and balance of 977 suspended to supervised probation plus \$489 in fees and court costs and restitution to William Hayes in an amount to be determined and No Contact Orders to continue.

Robert Russell Wells, 52, Dupont, Indiana, for Invasion of Privacy, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail consecutive to revocation of 540 days suspended sentence for prior felony conviction for strangulation and battery plus \$239 in fees and court costs.

May 30, 2024

James L. McAuliff IV, 34, Madison, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 4 days served and 361 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$439.50 in fees and court costs and loss of driver's license for 90 days with specialized driving privileges.

James R. Sentell, 58, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

Michael Dale France, 46, Alexandria, Indiana, to amended charges of Possession of Legend Drug, a Level 6 felony with judgment of conviction as a Class A misdemeanor; and Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail on Count 1 consecutive to 2 days jail on Count 2, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$889.50 in fees and court costs and loss of driver's license for 90 days with specialized driving privileges.

Brandon Dale Calopietro, 30, Hanover, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except for 124 days, served, with 56 days suspended to non-reporting probation plus

\$289 in fees and court costs.

Eric S. Hodge, 37, Austin, Indiana, for Possession of Narcotic Drug, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 270 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 102 days served plus \$689 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY May 30, 2024

Wilma J. Boas-Murphy to Emily Rose Finney (1/2 interest), 310 Laurel Avenue, Madison.

Shelly Murphy-Smith and Glen D. Murphy (estate) to Emily Rose Finney (1/2 interest), 310 Laurel Avenue, Madison.

Christopher Robert Siegel and Barbara Ann Siegal to Christopher R. Siegel, Barbara Ann Siegal (trustees) and Siegel Family Revocable Trust (revocable trust), approximately 81.5 acres at 10119 North State Road 62, Canaan.

Ryan T. Bryson and Briana C. Bryson to Douglas Ludwin and Debra Ludwig, 220 Green Road, Madison.

H&L Miller Properties LLC to Charles R. Craig, 318 East Second Street, Madison.

May 31, 2024

David G. Rettig and Melissa F. Rettig to Debra Critser, 305 East Fourth Street, Madison.

James Ayler to April Ayler, approximately 2.8 acres at 3143 North 500 West, Madison.

Bernard Johnson and Anthony Hammock to Bradley Peglow and Cheryl Peglow, 1014 East First Street, Madison.

Rachel E. Jones to Trenton Bryce Ford, approximately 6 acres at 6069 West 500 North, Madison.

Beau Recon LLC to Beau Recon LLC, 2311 Northwest State Road 62, Hanover.

Sam J. Simons and Angela M. Simons (deceased) to Lost Trails LLC, approximately 38.7 acres at 4004 and 4008 North Old State Road 62, Madison.

Robert Holtel to Scott Schaefer and Megan Schaefer, a total of 160 acres at 8745 and 9745 North Hedgeapple Road, Madison.

Town of Hanover Indiana to Terry E. Abbott and Vickie L. Abbott, 207 West Second Street, Hanover.

Jessica R. Flint, Ben L. Flint, Justin T. Lanham and Jennifer Lanham to Ronald E. Lanham and Joan M. Lanham, approximately 46.9 acres at 9000+ East County Road 1033 North, Madison.

Ronald E. Lanham and Joan M. Lanham to Levi Fisher, approximately 46.9 acres at 9000+ East County Road 1033 North, Madison.

Levi Fisher to Levi Fisher and Rhonda D. Fisher, approximately 46.9 acres at 9000+ East County Road 1033 North, Madison.

Karlee Sedam to Karlee Sedam Properties LLC, approximately 44.4 acres at 11180+, 11349 and 11200 North State road 62, Madison.

BIRTHDAYS

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to [zelda@madisoncourier.com](mailto:zelda@madisoncourier.com) or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

JUNE 4

Brylee Deuser — 17

JUNE 7

Kevin Gullion  
Mark Hooton

JUNE 8

Anita Danner

JUNE 11

Carsha Strouse

JUNE 12

Heather Krebs

JUNE 13

John Hutchinson  
Keith Mefford

OBITUARIES

Marita Fields



Marita Fields of Marion, IN, (85) peacefully completed the earthly phase of her journey on May 23, 2024. Marita was a former Marion Community Schools teacher. She energetically shared her lifelong quest for self-discovery and tolerance throughout her entire life by raising children, playing music, teaching school, remodeling homes, and writing a book.

She was born Marita Elizabeth Shull in Marion, IN, on October 3, 1938, into a family of factory workers. Marita graduated from Marion High School, then married William Fields on January 21, 1956. They were married for 68 years and together for 70 years. By age 18, she then secured an administrative job at the Marion General Motors Plant. After 10 years of employment at GM, she moved on to attend college classes at Marion College (IWU) while raising her two daughters. She graduated with a BA in Education with Cum-laude distinction majoring in Art and Music. Marita then moved on to Ball State University to eventually receive a Masters degree in elementary

education. While attending school, she also gave piano lessons to hundreds of students in the Marion area. After receiving her degree, Marita worked for Marion Community Schools for 25 years. She also played piano for numerous plays and performances over the years with the South East Singers. She left an indelible mark on the Grant County community.

After leaving Marion Community Schools, she was seeking an activity that would allow her to have an engaging retirement. She began writing her book concerning a civil war soldier's mother. She participated in the Battle of 1812 for 25 years playing period music on her mandolin and dulcimer. All these hobbies were in addition to assisting and supporting her husband

Bill with his numerous projects and pursuits over the years.

Marita fought courageously the past 20 years through the progression of Parkinson's disease. The disease finally won.

She is survived by husband William (Bill) Fields, daughter Stacie Burns (Robert Burns Jr.), and daughter Amber Fields (Joe Robb). four grandchildren: Alice (Wiegand) Kelsey (Joel), Emily (Wiegand) Feldmeyer (Matthew), Caitlin (Feil) Pendl (Josh), and Gavin Regan along with eight great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the staff at Our Hospice for all the loving care they provided for Marita. The family also appreciates the time and care given by Marita's circle of friends: Alan and Connie Newby, Bill and Sue Munn.

Marita chose to help future students by donating her body to Indiana University School of Medicine.

To honor Marita, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Our Hospice of Jennings County. [ourhospice@crh.org](mailto:ourhospice@crh.org)

Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. [michaelfox.org](http://michaelfox.org)

Benny Alan Jackson

Benny Alan Jackson, age 75, of Deming, New Mexico, formerly of East Enterprise, IN, entered this life on September 24, 1948, in Pineville, KY. He was the son of the late Leon Jackson, Sr. and Evelyn (Napier) Hamilton. Benny passed away at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 23, 2024, at his residence.

Benny is survived by his wife, Joyce K. (Sackett) Jackson of Deming, NM; his son, Joseph Jackson and his wife, Juanita of East Enterprise, IN; his daughter, Heidi Siler and her husband, Joe of East Enterprise, IN; his grandchildren, Dylan Casey and Cheyenne Casey; his great-grandchildren, Mylie and Levi King; his step-children, Jeff Moore and his wife, Jennifer, Ron

Moore and his wife, Jill and Wendy Moore and her companion, Ron; his step-grand-children, Richard, Bethany and Dakota Winget, Kaylee Gibbs, Callen and Reagan Moore and Adriane Thomas; his several step-great-grandchildren; his brothers, David Jackson, Harold "Harry" Jackson and Howard "Pete" Jackson; his sisters, Juanita Brothers, Melvina Wellbrock and Sandy Vierling and his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leon Jackson, Sr.; his mother, Evelyn (Napier) Hamilton; his wife, Judith Dora (Prechtel) Jackson; his brothers, Leon Jackson, Jr., Renfro Bishop and Earl Ray Jackson and his sisters,

Loretta "Betty" Hensley and Shelia Lynette.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., Thursday, June 6, 2024, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, IN, 47043.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Thursday, June 6, by Pastor David Jackson, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN.

Interment and full military rites will be conducted in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at [www.haskellandmorrison.com](http://www.haskellandmorrison.com)

Bernice (Bernie) Fox

Bernice (Bernie) Marie Mellencamp Fox, passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at her home in Lutheran Haven, Oviedo, FL, with her son, daughter, and son-in-law at her side. Survivors include her son, Bill Fox and his wife Narendra of Sunnyvale, CA, daughter, Connie Risk and her husband Jim of Madison, IN, her sister Lucy Lockman of Oviedo, FL, Grandchildren: Paula Marino, David Fox,

Julie Karustis (David), Heather Madalena (Greg), JB Risk (Stacey), Holly Hearne (Gabe), 16 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Louis Mellencamp; her mother, Martha Mellencamp; her husband, Charles Fox; her brothers, Paul, Glen, Don, and Lou Mellencamp, and her son Brian Fox.

Visitation will be held Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 4 -6 p.m. at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial Service will follow after visitation on Saturday, June 8, at 6 p.m. at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Benevolent Care Fund, Lutheran Haven Foundation, 2041 West S.R. 426, Oviedo, FL, 32765.

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WEATHER

**Sunrise:** 6:15 a.m.

**Sunset:** 9:04 p.m.

**Temperature:** High 85, Low 63, Mean 74.0, Deficit 0.4

**Precipitation since last published:** .14

**Precipitation, May 2024:** 3.91

**Precipitation, June 2024:** .14

**Barometer:** 29.94, Falling

**River Level at Clifty Creek:**

421.91, Falling

**Forecast:** Wednesday:

Thunderstorms High 76/ Low 61; Thursday: Partly cloudy High 81/ Low 57; Friday: Mostly Sunny High 75/ Low 56.

LOTTERY

INDIANA

**Hoosier Lotto:** 2-7-8-11-14-28 (6/1). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$14 million. Next Drawing (6/5).

**Cash Five:** 3-12-14-34-39 (6/2)

**Cash 4 Life:** 9-23-25-38-56 CB: 2 (6/2)

MEGAMILLIONS

**4-11-23-33-49 MB:** 23, MP 4 (5/31). Next Jackpot: \$560 million. Next Drawing (6/4)

POWERBALL

**28-38-52-54-68 PB:** 8, PP 2 (6/1). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$171 million. Next Drawing (6/31)

**POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY:** 24-40-53-56-59 PB: 5 (6/1). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (6/3)

KENTUCKY

**Cash Ball:** 3-14-21-28 CB 14 (6/2)

**Kentucky 5 Extra:** 9-20-30-31-39 (6/2)

**Lucky For Life:** 8-16-19-20-25 LB: 6 (6/2)

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**OBITUARIES**

**Joy Ann Kiefer Killey Foster**

Joy Ann Kiefer Killey Foster, age 65, of Deputy, IN, entered this life on December 23,1958, in Seymour, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Raymond Emil, Jr. and Janet Dale Campbell Kiefer. She was a 1977 graduate of Scottsburg High School. She married Dennis Hiram Foster on December 30,1983, at the Alpha Baptist Church. This happy union of 35 years blended two families together. She lived her entire life in the Jefferson County and Jennings County communities. She worked for Madison Precision as an assembler for three years. She was a member of the Moose Lodge and served as a Cub Master in Deputy for many years. She enjoyed raising her children, caring for her mother, and being with her family. She also coached softball, basketball, volleyball, and later in life she developed a love for fishing. Joy fought a courageous battle against breast cancer. She was awaiting the



birth of three more great grandchildren. Joy died on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 3:30 a.m. at her home near Deputy, IN. Joy will be missed by her loving companion, Kenny Ford of Deputy, IN; her sons, Steven Foster of Deputy, IN, Allen Killey of Deputy, IN, Jeromy Killey of Deputy, IN; her daughter, Carrie Collins and her husband, Bryan of Deputy, IN; her step-son, Dennis near Deputy, IN and his wife, Carol of Scottsburg, IN; her step-daughter, Melinda Milner and her husband, Scott of Brownsburg, IN; her grandchildren, Johnathan, Brittany, Shane, Matthew, Destiny,

Ryan, Dalton, Amber, Christian, Destiny, Ashlee, Bree, Trenton, Malachi, and Ruthy; her great-grandchildren, Maddie and Kalireann; her brothers, Barry Kiefer of Scottsburg, IN, Kris Kiefer and his wife, Linda of Austin, IN; her sister, Tina Kiefer of Deputy, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, her Raymond Emil Kiefer, Jr.; her mother, Janet Dale Campbell Kiefer; her husband of 35 years, Dennis Hiram Foster, her niece, Tawni B. Kiefer. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 3, by Pastor Bryan Collins at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, IN. Interment followed in the Pisgah Cemetery near Deputy, IN. Memorial contributions can be made to the Pisgah Cemetery Association or Breast Cancer Research. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Shirley A. Firth Varble**

Shirley A. Firth Varble, age 88, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on January 7, 1936, in Jefferson County, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late John Lawrence “Jack” and Lillian Bessie Scholl Firth. Shirley died on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at her home in Hanover, IN. Shirley will be missed by her loving daughters, Pam Dyer and her husband Larry of Madison, IN, Darcy Varble Sommermeyer and her husband, Jim of Jeffersonville, IN; her loving sons, John Markt Varble and his wife Paula of Deputy, IN, Donald William Varble of Madison, IN, David Varble and his wife Stephanie of Hanover, IN; her grandchildren, Ryan Varble, Trent Dyer (Brittany), Brendon Varble (Alesha), Emily Varble, Andrew Varble; her step grandchildren,

Kim Bennett (Gary), Sabrina Dyer Schreck (Jim); her great grandchildren, Alexa Bennett, Gabriel Bennett, Alex Varble, Henry Varble, Charlotte Varble, Olivia Varble, Olivia Schreck, Penelope Schreck, and Brigham Schreck; her sisters, Carolyn Firth of Madison, IN, Bev Armstrong and her husband, Bob of Madison, IN, Jan Melton and her husband, Jim of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, John Lawrence “Jack” Firth; her mother, Lillian Bessie Scholl Firth; her husband, William Lewis Varble; her sister, Linda Kay Firth; her brother, Donald Robert Firth, and his wife Linda; her father in law, Duard Carroll Varble, and her mother in law, Cecile

O. Smith Varble. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, IN. Interment will follow in the New Prospect Cemetery near Hanover, IN. Friends may visit Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel in Hanover, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Prospect Cemetery Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Stephen Eduard ‘Eddie’ (Steve) Munson**

Stephen Eduard “Eddie” (Steve) Munson, age 70, of Madison, IN, entered this life on June 3, 1953, in Landstuhl, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany. He was the beloved son of Charles Frederick and Mary Frances Munson. Steve passed away peacefully, on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 6:30 a.m. at the Hosparus Inpatient Unit of Norton Pavilion in Louisville, KY, leaving behind a legacy of service, love, and dedication. Steve will be missed by his loving wife of 43 years, Carolyn “Carol” Lynn Courtney Munson of Madison, IN; his loving daughter, Amanda Sandlin and her companion, A.J. of Hanover, IN; his loving nephew, Neil Smith and his wife, Kari of Madison, IN; his beloved grandchildren, Autumn and Gunner Maddox; his

sisters, Sue Santorno, Cecelia Kois, Theresa Slusher, Colorado and Corrina Wilmore all of Colorado Springs, CO; his brothers, Robert Munson and his wife, Chona of Las Vegas, NV, James Munson and his wife, Sue of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Phillip Munson of Colorado Springs, CO. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Frederick Munson; his mother, Mary Frances Bower Munson; his niece, Rhonda Edwards; his father in law, Tony E. Courtney; his mother in law, Bernice Gray Courtney; his sisters in law, Anna Jean Garriott, Glenda Sue “Susie” Herrell; brothers in law, James “Jimmy” Courtney and Dennis Courtney. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, June 7, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Evangelist Jake

Brown at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North US 421 near Madison, IN. Friends may visit Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 4 — 8 p.m. and Friday, June 7, 2024, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Jerry Allan Thaden**

Jerry Allan Thaden, 89, was born April 13, 1935, in Richland Center, WI. He died on Friday, May 31, 2024, at 6:31 a.m. at the Charlestown Place in New Albany, IN. He was the son of Rev. Jerry H. and Irma Twaites Thaden. Jerry will be missed by his wife, Shirley Sessler Thaden; his three daughters, Tamara

Jenkins, Tarryn Thaden, and Tracey Thaden; and one son, Todd Thaden. There are 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. One sister, Ellen Middents, survives. He is preceded by his parents; and two sisters, Marianne Kessler and Marcia Brown. Per the family’s wishes there will be no funeral service held. A

celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Work of the Deacons of the Madison Presbyterian Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Paul Norton Fishback**

Paul Norton Fishback, Sr., age 94, a beloved member of the Carrollton community, passed away on May 31, 2024, in Madison, Jefferson County, IN. He was born in La Grange, Oldham County, KY, on November 28, 1929. Paul led a remarkable life filled with dedication to his family, country, and community. After graduating from Cross Plains Indiana High School, Paul went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army during the 1950’s in Germany as part of the Korean Conflict. Following his military service, he retired as a firefighter in the mid 1980’s from the former Jefferson Proving Ground in Madison, IN. Not only was he a firefighter, but Paul also dedicated his days to farming on the family farm in Carrollton. One of Paul’s proudest accomplishments was co-founding the West Side Volunteer Fire Department in 1970 alongside his wife Charley Walker Fishback. He later served as Fire Chief for several years, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to protecting and serving his community.



Outside of his professional pursuits, Paul found joy in attending tractor pulls — a hobby that brought him great happiness over the years. Paul’s legacy lives on through his surviving family and friends. He is survived by three daughters: Beverly “Bev” Hughes of Carrollton, KY; Valorie Spencer of Louisville, KY; and Lisa (David) McRoy of Louisville, KY. Additionally, he is survived by a sister, Jodie (Mike) Kemper of Carrollton, KY; a grandson Joe Paul Hughes of Louisville, KY; several nieces and nephews; as well as great nieces and nephews who will always cherish his memory. Paul is preceded in death by his father Jesse

Dudley Fishback; mother Reva Frances Mann Fishback; wife Charley Walker Fishback; son Paul Norton Fishback Jr.; sister Shirley Jean Roberts; sons-in-law Terry Hughes and Jim Spencer, as well as brother-in-law Charles Roberts. The visitation and funeral services will be held at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton on Wednesday, June 5th. The visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the funeral service following at 1 p.m. to honor the remarkable life of Paul Norton Fishback Sr. Burial will take place in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the Carroll County Animal Shelter or the Carroll County Food Pantry in care of the funeral home. Paul will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May he rest in peace knowing he touched many lives with his kindness and unwavering dedication to those around him. Arrangements have been entrusted with the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home.

**Sandra Kay Andrews Ackerman**

Sandra Kay Andrews Ackerman, 69 of Champaign, formerly of Madison, passed away at 3:21 a.m. Sunday, May 26, 2024, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, at American Lutheran Church Chapel, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul with Rev. James T. Lehmann officiating. Burial will follow in Kopmann Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before the service from 10 -11 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, in the Chapel. Baier Family Funeral Services, Flatville is handling arrangements. Sandy was born July 19, 1954, in Madison, IN, the daughter of George William “Buck” and Martha Jane Maddox Andrews. She married Arlen Ackerman September 14, 1992,



in Arlington, TX. He survives. Along with her husband, Arlen, she is survived by one son, Donovan Trinkle of Danville; one granddaughter, Jessica Trinkle of Rantoul; two brothers, Bill (Debbie) Andrews of Madison, IN, Mark (Sharon) Fitzgerald of Decatur; two sisters, Susie (Frank) Weddle of Danville, Andrea (Brian) Rosnett of Hillsdale, IN; three sisters-in-law, Cheryl

Johnson of Leesburg, FL, Denise Hannagan of St. Joseph, Becky Rosenbeck of Tampa, FL; her mother-in-law, Ilene Ackerman of Urbana and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters Teri Nelson, Cheri Stevenson; brother, Joe Fitzgerald; sister-in-law, Patricia Andrews, brother-in-law, Mike Nelson and father-in-law, William Ackerman. Sandy was a member of the American Lutheran Church, Rantoul. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and shopping. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan. Sandy loved animals and was a very kind-hearted lady. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Condolences and memories can be shared with the family at [www.baierfuneralservices.com](http://www.baierfuneralservices.com).

**Glenda Lou Perkins**

Glenda Lou Perkins, age 71, of Hanover, IN, formerly of Vevay, entered this life on July 27, 1952, in New Albany, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late John Henry and Daisy M. Reynolds Perkins. Glenda died on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, IN. Glenda will be missed by her sisters by choice, Pam Jellison of Portland, IN, Diana Ferguson of Madison, IN; her brother, James Perkins and his wife, Connie of

FL; her close nephews, Jeffrey Stettenbenz and his wife, Kelly and Jason Stettenbenz and his wife, Moriah; and several other nieces, nephews and relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, John Henry Perkins; her mother, Daisy M. Reynolds Perkins; her brother, Erthur William Perkins; her sisters, Helen Bowers, Ruth Johnson, and Dorothy Cooper. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 6 p.m., by Pastor Caleb Brewster

at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Friends may visit Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 4-6 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to Glenda Perkins Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Joyce K. Rose Dunavent, 81**, died Thursday, May 30, 2024, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Florence, KY. Funeral services were Monday, June 3, at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Owenton, KY, with burial in the Owenton Cemetery. Arrangements by New Funeral Homes in Owenton, [www.mcdonaldandnew.com](http://www.mcdonaldandnew.com). **Geraldean Gross Ewing, 80**, of Vevay, IN, died Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at Norton King’s Daughters’ Health in Madison, IN. Funeral services were Monday, June 3, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home

in Vevay with burial in the Vevay Cemetery, [www.haskellandmorrison.com](http://www.haskellandmorrison.com). **Marlene Marie Niesse, 69**, of Madison, IN, died Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehab Center in Vevay, IN. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com). **Joan Carol Wiltz Peelman, 81**, of Vevay, IN, died Friday, May 31, 2024, at Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home

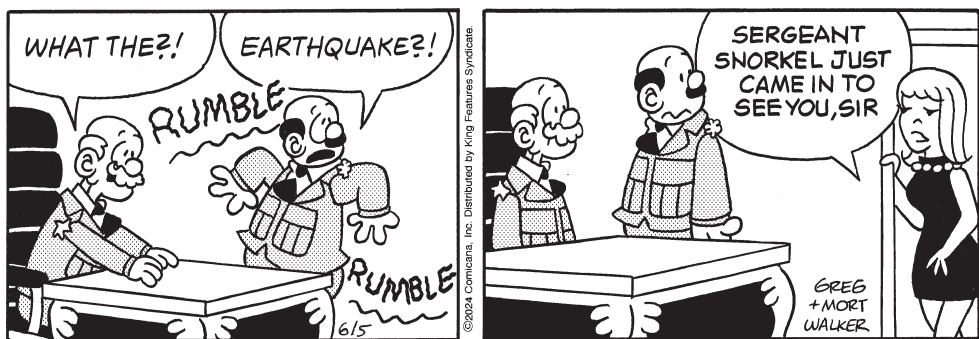
in Vevay, [www.haskelland-morrison.com](http://www.haskelland-morrison.com). **Norma Fae Proctor, 65**, of Milton, KY, died Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Madison, IN, [www.lytlewelty.com](http://www.lytlewelty.com). **Donna L. Wolf, 68**, of Madison, IN, died Friday, May 31, 2024, at the Norton King’s Daughters’ Health in Madison. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).







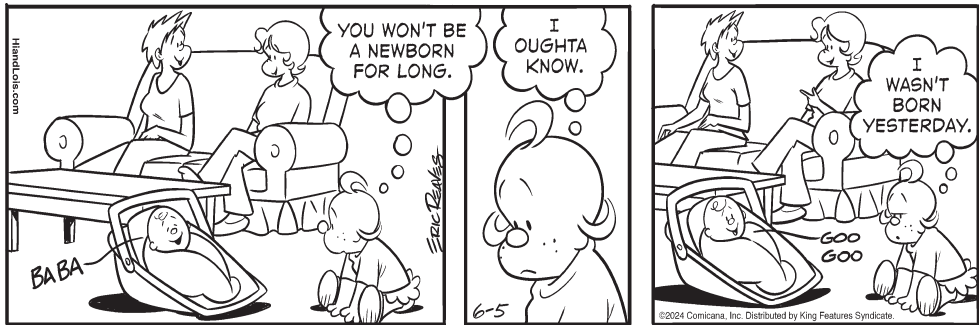
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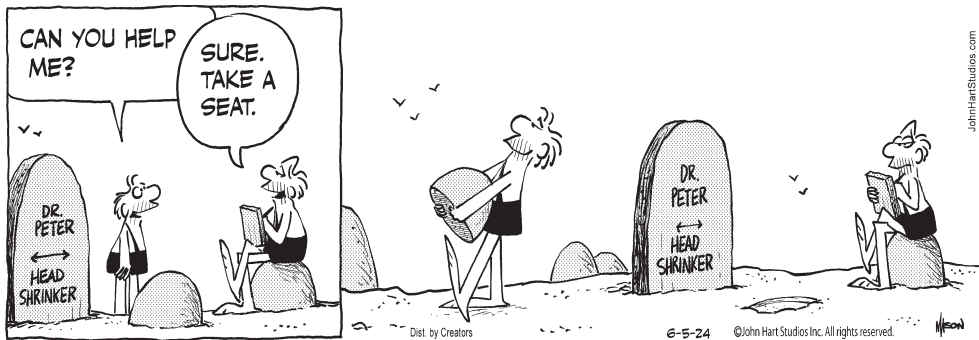
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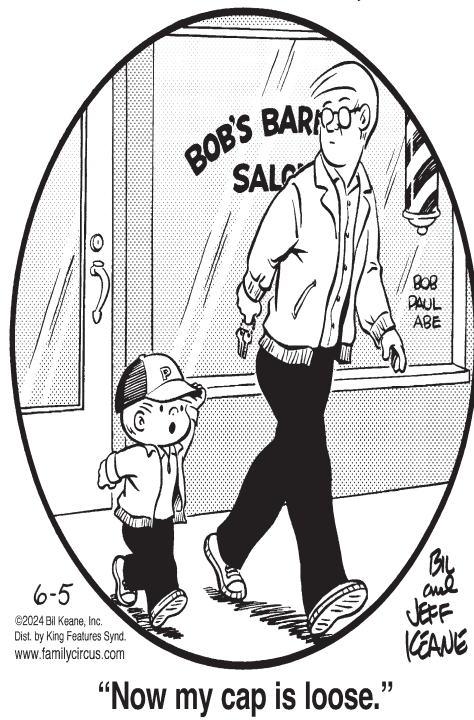
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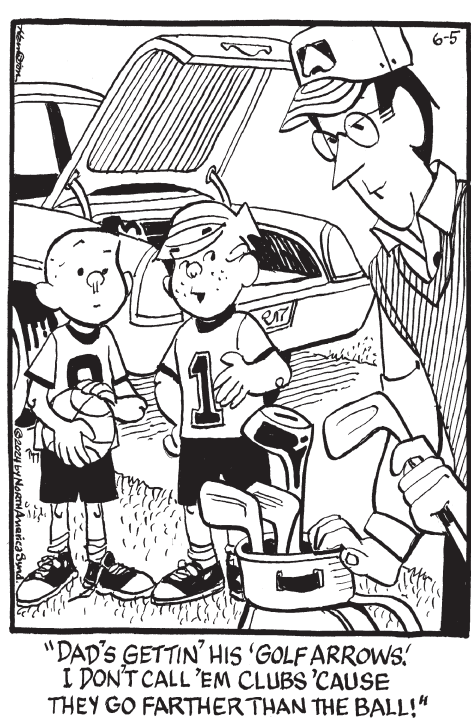
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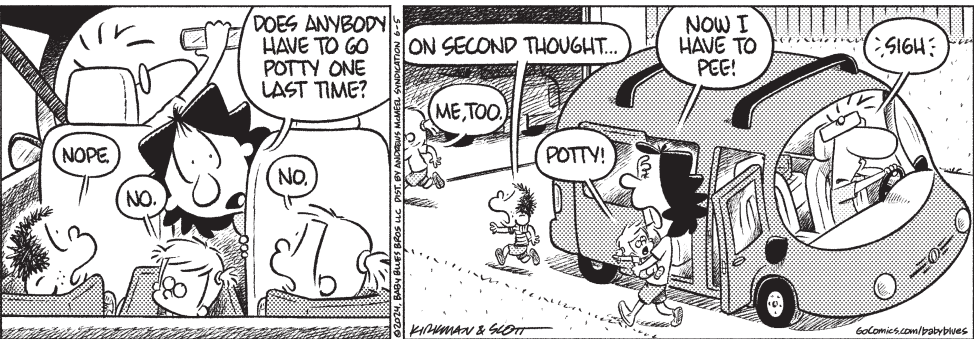
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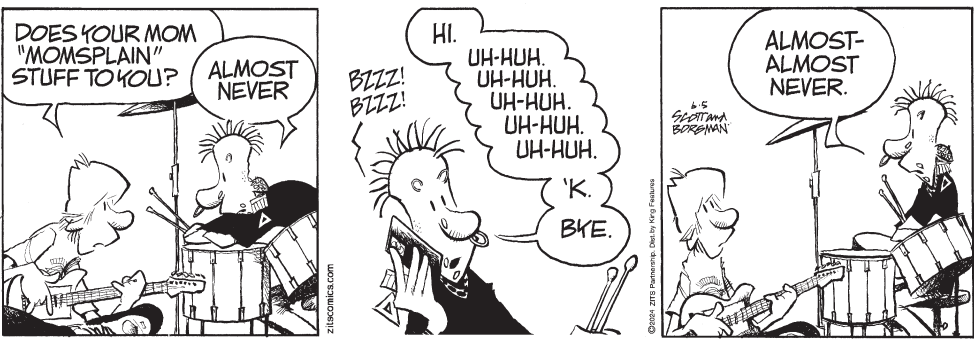
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## TODAY IN HISTORY

### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles; assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was arrested at the scene.

**On this date:**  
**In 1794**, Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from taking part in any military action against a country that was at peace with the United States.

**In 1950**, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Henderson v. United States*, struck down racially segregated railroad dining cars.

**In 1967**, war erupted in the Middle East. Israel, anticipating a possible attack by its Arab neighbors, launched a series of airfield strikes that destroyed nearly the entire Egyptian air force; Syria, Jordan and Iraq immediately entered the conflict.

**In 1975**, Egypt reopened the Suez Canal to international shipping, eight years after it was closed because of the 1967 war with Israel.

**In 1976**, 14 people were killed when the Teton Dam in Idaho burst.

**In 1981**, the Centers for Disease Control reported that five men in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what later became known as AIDS.

**In 2002**, 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart was abducted from her Salt Lake City home. (Smart was found alive by police in a Salt Lake suburb in March 2003. One kidnapper, Brian David Mitchell, was sentenced to life without

parole; the other, Wanda Barzee, was released in September 2018.)

**In 2004**, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long struggle with Alzheimer disease.

**In 2006**, more than 50 National Guardsmen from Utah became the first unit to work along the U.S.-Mexico border as part of a crackdown by President George W. Bush.

**In 2012**, science-fiction author Ray Bradbury, 91, died in Los Angeles.

**In 2016**, Novak Djokovic became the first man in nearly a half-century to win four consecutive major championships, finally earning an elusive French Open title with a win over Andy Murray to complete a career Grand Slam.

**In 2017**, Bill Cosby went on trial in Norristown, Pennsylvania, on charges he drugged and sexually assaulted Andrea Constand, a former employee of Temple University's basketball program, at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004. (The jury deadlocked, resulting in a mistrial, but Cosby was convicted in a second trial; Pennsylvania's highest court later tossed out that conviction.)

**In 2018**, the Miss America pageant announced that it was eliminating the swimsuit competition from the event; the new head of the organization's board of trustees, Gretchen Carlson, said on ABC, "We're not going to judge you on your appearance because we are interested in what makes you you."

**In 2020,** Minneapolis banned chokeholds by police the first of many changes in law enforcement practices

to be announced in the aftermath of George Floyd's death; officers would also now be required to intervene any time they saw unauthorized force by another officer.

**In 2022**, Queen Elizabeth II appeared at the balcony of Buckingham Palace, delighting fans who had hoped to catch a glimpse of her during the final day of festivities marking the monarch's 70 years on the throne. (The queen died three months later, and her son Charles became king.)

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 90. Former Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark is 85. Author Dame Margaret Drabble is 85. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 79. Rock musician Freddie Stone (AKA Freddie Stewart) (Sly and the Family Stone) is 77. Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 77. Country singer Gail Davies is 76. Author Ken Follett is 75. Financial guru Suze Orman is 73. Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 72. Jazz musician Peter Erskine is 70. Jazz musician Kenny G is 68. Rock singer Richard Butler (Psychedellic Furs) is 68. Actor Beth Hall is 66. Actor Jeff Garlin is 62. Actor Karen Sillas is 61. Actor Ron Livingston is 57. Singer Brian McKnight is 55. Rock musician Claus Norreen (Aqua) is 54. Actor Mark Wahlberg is 53. Actor Chad Allen is 50. Rock musician P-Nut (311) is 50. Actor Navi Rawat is 47. Actor Liza Weil is 47. Rock musician Pete Wentz (Fall Out Boy) is 45. Rock musician Seb Lefebvre (Simple Plan) is 43. Actor Chelsey Crisp is 41. Actor Amanda Crew is 38. Musician/songwriter/producer DJ Mustard is 34. Actor Sophie Lowe is 34. Actor Hank Greenspan is 14.



# Answers to your questions about Trump’s conviction

BY ALANNA DURKIN RICHER  
AND MICHAEL R. SISAK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Will Donald Trump go to prison? Could he pardon himself? What about the election? The first criminal conviction of a former American president raises a host of legal and political questions.

Trump was convicted by a Manhattan jury Thursday of 34 felony counts related to a scheme during his 2016 presidential campaign to pay off a porn actor who said the two had sex. The presumptive Republican presidential nominee denies having sex with Stormy Daniels, has said he did nothing wrong and slammed the jury’s verdict.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Trump remains free on his own recognition. He will have to be back in the Manhattan courtroom on July 11, when he is set to be sentenced. That is just days before the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, where GOP leaders — who remain steadfast in their support of Trump — are expected to formally make him their nominee for the November election.

Before sentencing, Trump will be interviewed for a presentence report that Judge Juan M. Merchan will use to help decide his punishment. The report is typically prepared by a probation officer, a social worker or a psychologist working for the probation department who interviews the defendant and possibly that person’s family and friends, as well as people affected by the crime. Presentence reports include a defendant’s personal history, criminal record and recommendations for sentencing. Trump has no prior convictions.

Trump is charged in three other criminal cases, but it’s possible none of them will go to trial before the election. The 2020 election interference case in Washington, for example, remains on hold while the U.S. Supreme Court weighs Trump’s claim that he is immune from prosecution for actions taken as commander in chief.

**WILL HE GO TO PRISON?**

It’s not clear. That will be up to the judge, who Trump has repeatedly accused of being biased against him. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, who brought the case, refused to say Thursday whether prosecutors will seek prison time.

Each count of falsifying business records is punishable by up to four years behind bars, but it’s possible that Trump will get only fines or probation. New York court records and newspaper archives show defendants convicted of the charge are seldom sentenced to prison for that offense alone. Often, the charge is coupled with more serious felonies such as grand larceny.

And even if the judge sentences him to time behind bars, his lawyers would

almost certainly push the judge to allow the former president to remain free until he exhausts his appeals.

Trump faces the threat of more serious prison time in the three other cases. For example, the most serious charges in Trump’s Washington and Georgia election interference cases carry maximum 20-year sentences.

**CAN HE STILL RUN FOR PRESIDENT?**

Yes. There’s nothing barring Trump from continuing his bid to reclaim the White House or from becoming president. There are only three qualifications for president spelled out in the Constitution: Candidates must be at least 35 years old, be natural born citizens and must have lived in the U.S. for at least 14 years. There are no restrictions on his travel at this point either, so he can continue to campaign normally.

**CAN HE APPEAL?**

Trump attorney Todd Blanche said on the “Today” show Friday: “We’re going to appeal, and we’re going to win on appeal.” Trump’s lawyers laid the groundwork throughout the trial to challenge the verdict on multiple issues.

Blanche suggested they will challenge the judge’s decision not to recuse himself. Trump has repeatedly argued Merchan should not have presided over the case, citing cash he’s given to Democrats and the fact that his daughter is a party consultant. Merchan has acknowledged making several small donations to Democratic causes during the 2020 campaign, including \$15 to Trump’s Democratic rival, Joe Biden, but rejected Trump’s claims he cannot fairly preside over the case.

Trump’s lawyers may also challenge rulings from the judge they claim unfairly hampered his defense, including limiting the testimony of an expert witness they wanted to put on the stand.

**COULD HE PARDON HIMSELF?**

No. It’s a state conviction, so Trump would not be able to pardon himself if he were to become president again. Presidential pardons apply only to federal crimes. And it’s a legally untested question as to whether Trump would even have the power to pardon himself if he’s convicted in the federal cases. No president has attempted to do so while in office because no president before Trump had ever been charged or convicted.

**CAN HE VOTE IN NOVEMBER?**

He can, as long as he is not in prison. Trump’s home state of Florida defers to other states’ disenfranchisement rules for residents convicted of out-of-state felonies. And New York law removes the right to vote for people convicted of felonies only while they’re incarcerated. Once they’re out of prison, their rights are automatically restored, even if they’re on parole, per a 2021 law passed by the state’s Democratic legislature.

# Ky. tourism continues record-setting pace

## Impact in 2023 approaches \$14B

BY BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky’s tourism industry stayed on its record-setting pace in 2023, generating an economic impact approaching \$14 billion while sustaining nearly 100,000 jobs, Gov. Andy Beshear said Thursday.

Travelers visiting the Bluegrass State last year spent \$9.7 billion as tourism continued its post-pandemic momentum as a key contributor to Kentucky’s growing economy, the Democratic governor said.

“We’re welcoming people to our new Kentucky home, one filled with opportunity and prosperity,” Beshear said during his weekly news conference. “Where we want you to come see what we have to offer, and then we want you to move your family here to be a part of it.”

The governor joined tourism leaders at Castle & Key Distillery to celebrate the second straight record-breaking year for tourism in Kentucky. In 2022, the tourism sector bounced back from the COVID-19 pandemic to generate an economic impact of nearly \$13 billion and was responsible for 91,668 jobs.

Last year was even better, with the statewide tourism industry producing \$13.8 billion in economic impact and the sector sustained 95,222 jobs, Beshear said. The study by Tourism Economics determined that 79.3 million travelers visited Kentucky in 2023, up 4.5% from the prior year, he said.

Kentucky’s attractions include horse farms and bourbon distilleries as well as outdoor adventure, history, arts and cultural draws. Kentucky is also home to Mammoth Cave National Park.

Bourbon tourism is flourishing, with attendance surpassing 2.5 million visitors last year along the Kentucky Bourbon Trail and the Kentucky Bourbon Trail Craft Tour, which showcases smaller distilleries. Bourbon tourists tend to spend more and stay longer compared to other attractions, the bourbon industry says.

“With distilleries now in 42 counties, bourbon tourism is resurrecting Main Streets across the commonwealth and pouring much-needed revenue into local coffers. And there’s more to come,” said Eric Gregory, president of the Kentucky Distillers’ Association.

Spirit makers have invested big sums into new or expanded visitor centers to play up the industry’s heritage and allow guests to soak in the sights and smells of bourbon-making.

Communities across Kentucky registered robust tourism numbers last year.

# Jury selection in Hunter Biden case begins

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
WILMINGTON, Del. — A federal gun case against President Joe Biden’s son Hunter opened Monday with jury selection, following the collapse of a plea deal that would have avoided the spectacle of a trial so close the 2024 election.

First lady Jill Biden was seated in the front row of the courtroom, in a show of support for her son.

In a statement, the president said he has “boundless love for my son, confidence in him, and respect for his strength.”

“I am the President, but I am also a Dad,” he said, adding that would have no further comment on the case. “Jill and I love our son, and we are so proud of the man he is today.”

Hunter Biden, who spent the weekend with his parents, has been charged in Delaware with three felonies stemming from a 2018 firearm purchase when he was,

according to his memoir, in the throes of a crack addiction. He has been accused of lying to a federally licensed gun dealer, making a false claim on the application used to screen firearms applicants by saying he was not a drug user, and illegally having the gun for 11 days.

He has pleaded not guilty and has argued he’s being unfairly targeted by the Justice Department, after Republicans decried the now-defunct plea deal as special treatment for the Democratic president’s son.

The trial comes just days after Donald Trump, Republicans’ presumptive 2024 presidential nominee, was convicted of 34 felonies in New York City. A jury found the former president guilty of a scheme to cover up a hush money payment to a porn actor to fend off damage to his 2016 presidential campaign. The two criminal cases are unrelated, but their proximity underscores how the criminal courts have taken center stage during the 2024 campaign.

Prospective jurors who answered “yes” on a questionnaire were quizzed individually by Judge Maryellen Noreika to determine whether they could be fair and impartial. One by one, they were dismissed, winnowing down the pool.

The questions ranged from their knowledge of the case to their thoughts about gun ownership and whether they or anyone close to them have struggled with substance abuse or addiction or ever owned a gun.

One prospective juror said she didn’t know whether she could be impartial because of the opinion she had formed about Hunter Biden based on media reports.

# SUMMER

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riverboats stop in Madison is a testament to the efforts of Visit Madison Inc. and the city of Madison.

“We are confident that American passengers will be captivated by the beauty and charm of our historic riverfront city,” Mayor Bob Courtney said. “I’m excited that Visit Madison and the City of Madison were able to partner with American Cruise Lines to showcase our city’s unique charm and hospitality to a

new generation of river cruise enthusiasts.”

American Cruise Lines will be bringing two different riverboats to Madison this summer with visits on the following dates:

- American Melody Riverboat & American Heritage Paddle wheeler, July 19
- American Heritage, Aug. 2
- American Heritage, Aug. 16
- American Heritage, Aug. 30

According to the American Cruise Lines website, the American Heritage boat, a more traditional paddle wheeler, was built in 2015, refurbished in 2022 and is 295 feet long and capable of handling 78-150 pas-

sengers. The boat is currently at the Gulf of Mexico cruising up the Mississippi River toward Natchez, Mississippi.

The American Melody, which does not utilize a paddle wheel, was built in 2021 and is 269-feet long and capable of handling 175 passengers. It is also currently at the Gulf of Mexico and cruising up the Mississippi River toward Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Both boats operate out of the ports of New Orleans and Pittsburgh

A special welcoming ceremony at the Port of Madison is planned for two boats at their visit on July 19.

# PRIDE

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Activities will include games, a stilt walker, a walking magician, and face painting, along with food trucks. There will be live music provided by a DJ. Also, there will be a box with the “L-O-V-E” pop art letters, based on the creation by Robert Indiana, for people to take selfie photos.

Ricci said there will be information tables from multiple organizations that support pride. “We have businesses, individuals, educational institutions that are all wanting to support our Pride celebration,” he said.

Admission is free and later on Saturday there will be a free screening of “Red, White and Royal Blue,” a LGBT romantic comedy, at the Ohio Theatre at 7 p.m.

As a precaution, there will be an off-duty police officer walking the grounds of the Lanier Mansion during the event. Ricci noted there remains some fear from opposition to LGBTQ inclusion.

“We just want to be a part of the community” that embraces everyone for their differences, he said. “We actually have a fair sized LGBTQ community here and some stay quiet about, and others are here to enjoy living here.”

He noted that Madison is “a remarkable place” to live.

# TRAFFIC

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In other business:

- Utility Superintendent Brian Jackson reported on a postcard the Madison Water Company will be sending to all Madison water customers requesting them to take part in a survey to assist in providing documentation required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Indiana. Public water systems are required to perform a lead service inventory to eliminate the

possibility of lead exposure in drinking water.

- Approved a \$3,000 payment to Commonwealth Engineering to do a water loss audit that’s due Aug. 1, 2024. The audit is required every two years and is required by the Indiana Finance Authority in order for the city to qualify State Revolving Fund loans.
- Scudder said there are plans underway for a Community Watch program. “We hope to have that rolled out to the middle of July” when there will be meetings throughout the city divided into neighborhoods.

- Scudder said Madison police officers are switching back to 8-hour shifts after working 12-hour shifts since June 2021. “I think that will help us put more officers on the street at one time,” he said, noting that there had been a three-officer minimum that’s now been upped to four officers “which is a little bit of a strain with 12-hour shifts” especially if one officer calls in sick.
- Courtney said modernization of the city’s transfer station is underway. “Our equipment and containers are in process, and will be rolling out

soon,” he said. He said residents will be asked to “select by cart” the size of their container. If no size is selected, then the resident will receive a 64-gallon container. He expects the changes to take another three to four months to implement.

- Approved street closings for the Madison Ribberfest BBQ and Blues festival Aug. 17-18, Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art Stage, 28-29, and for the Ohio Theatre ribbon cutting and marquee lighting Friday, June 28.
- Approved a PACE grant of \$2,813.19 for 423 Mill Street, owned by

Russell Benkert, depleting all funding remaining for rehabilitation grants this year. The proposal for 423 Mill Street was one four projects that received the minimum score of 36, and had the first option for remaining funds because it was the highest scoring. An additional \$161,107.37 remains in this year’s PACE grant fund but all of that money is restricted to use on rehabilitation grants in target areas, and for dilapidated and dangerous structures.

- PACE extensions were approved for two projects — 707 Walnut

Street until Oct. 17 and 623 Broadway Street until Dec. 5. Also, a final dilapidated structure grant of \$25,000 was awarded for 1205 West Main Street, owned by Scott Murphy; and a final dilapidated structure grant of \$20,175 was awarded for 1902 Strader Street, owned by Keith Cullens.

- Approved a date extension on the city’s contract with OHM Engineering Services for the city’s stormwater ordinance update that extends the contract to October. The change was necessary due to changes in state requirements.

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# Ohio man advocates for mental health, undertakes 48-state walk

BY BOB DEMAREE

Joe Hall is on a mission to advocate for mental health and that has him on a 14,000-mile walk to the lower 48 states with stops in each state capital to talk to lawmakers about mental health.

The journey is a project of the nonprofit — Hall Across the Country — that advocates for mental health and suicide prevention.

Hall, the founder and president of the board of directors, was in Madison this past weekend while also walking through Milton and Bedford on Monday on his way towards the Kentucky state capitol in Frankfort where he hopes to arrive by Wednesday.

Hall's journey began May 15 from his home in Fairborn, Ohio, with the trek initially going through Indiana with Indianapolis being the first state capitol that he reached on May 23. He met Indiana State Sen. Michael Crider, the senate majority whip, in Greenfield to discuss his cause since Crider authored legislation on mental health in 2023 and continues to focus on providing “more dollars to encourage more people” to pursue careers that help people with mental illness. “There’s just not enough specialists anywhere to help out,” he said.

Hall, 41, spoke of instances of suicide that have impacted him — including his own attempted failed suicide a few years ago after he was involved in a motorcycle accident three months after losing a job and tearing a bicep. “In a three-month span, I had a lot curve balls thrown at me, and when the motorcycle accident happened,” it seemed too much to handle, so he tried to hang himself, but was unsuccessful in the attempt. “It turned into a setting of goals to keep my mind off that” which included competing in marathons, and that has led to his advocacy for mental health and suicide prevention.

Hall also spoke about how other instances of suicide have impacted him. An uncle committed suicide in 2004, a friend's 16-year-old son committed suicide in 2020, and five weeks ago a co-worker committed suicide.

Another heart-breaking situation Hall mentioned was the death of a 10-year-old boy from Greenfield who committed suicide in May because he was being bullied.



Bob Demaree

Joe Hall, of Fairborn, Ohio, is on a mission to visit all 48 state capitols in the lower 48 states over the next three years to advocate for mental health and suicide prevention called Hall Across the Country. His estimated 14,000-mile walk included passing through Jefferson County, Indiana, and Trimble County, Kentucky, en route to Frankfort, Kentucky.

“That should never happen,” Hall said. “What in the world makes a 10-year old believe that’s the way out? How bad had things gotten to where a 10-year old would do that?”

He said what’s bad about suicide is that it’s “losing people early, whether it’s an overdose or other suicide — I don’t want us to lose people any earlier than we should. If doing this can help prevent a few of those, then at the end of this when my feet are just bloody nubs, I can look at it and be completely happy with what myself and the board (of directors) have done in making this walk happen.”

Hall said that walking across the nation provides a means to connect with people on a personal level and advocate for mental health. “If we can sit down and talk to each other, it goes a long way, because you never know when a kind word to somebody in the street could keep them from pulling the proverbial trigger.”

This is Hall's second walk — the first one in 2022 covered more than 3,176 miles through 13 states from Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, to Ocean Beach in San Francisco.

Now, two years later, he’s began a journey that’s much longer and is just in the beginning. His progress

was slowed early last week with four days in Columbus caused when blisters on his toes got infected — an issue he thinks can be corrected with a shoe that’s one size bigger and wider.

He arrived in Madison on Friday, staying overnight at the Madison Township Fire Department, and then spending Saturday and Sunday nights at the Holiday Inn Express on Madison’s hilltop for more time for healing. Hall posted on social media Monday morning that he had departed Madison with a goal of reaching Sulphur, Kentucky, and plans to be in Frankfort on Wednesday.

After Kentucky, Hall will head through West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York going all the way to Maine before heading south along the east coast. He said the route is “designed to keep me in the south in the winter and as weather warms up start meandering north to visit more capitols, and proceed back down south when winter comes.” He estimates it will take three years to complete the route, ending in Columbus, Ohio, before heading back to his home in Fairborn.

His journey can be followed from the website hallacrossthecountry.com.

## Longtime MSH superintendent Thaden dies at 89

BY BOB DEMAREE

Jerry Thaden, superintendent of Madison State Hospital from 1979 to 1996, died Friday at the age of 89.

Thaden came to Madison State Hospital in 1962 as assistant superintendent and assumed the role of superintendent in 1979 following the retirement of Dr. Ott McAtee.

Thaden graduated from the University of Iowa — obtaining a bachelor of science degree in commerce and a masters degree in health administration. He was the first non-physician named as chief executive of Madison State Hospital.

For a year in 1991, he was acting director of the Indiana Department of Mental Health with responsibility of day-to-day administration of the agency during a time of reorganization of Indiana health and human resources, and then returned to his duties as superintendent of Madison State Hospital in 1992.

The Madison Courier reported on a retirement reception that was held July 26, 1996, to honor Thaden for his 34 years with Madison State Hospital. Dr. Pat Sullivan, director, Indiana Division of Mental Health Family and Social Services Administration, told Thaden at that event. “You have made a positive contribution in the lives of people and nothing can take that away and that is why we applaud you so.”

Thaden also impacted Madison and Jefferson County in other ways. Along with Spencer

Schnaitter and Tom Nichols, they were instrumental in making sure Madison Railroad would continue to be operational when it appeared that the line would discontinue service in 1978, according to Cathy Hale, former executive director of the Madison Railroad.

In 2014, Thaden was honored for 36 years of service on the Madison Port Authority, first appointed to the board in 1978 as a founding member and appointed chairman of the board in 1985. “Jerry was definitely the longest serving chairman ever” of the port authority, said Hale.

“Jerry was my mentor. He was a wonderful individual,” said Hale, who

explained Thaden “had a very calm demeanor” and an “open door policy at work. It didn’t matter if it was a patient at the state hospital or the Governor of the state of Indiana, he treated everyone the same.”

Thaden was also active in the community, serving as past president of the Madison Kiwanis Club and Jefferson County United Fund, a trustee with the Jefferson County Library, and a scout master for the Boy Scouts.

“He really did a lot for our community,” said Hale, noting Thaden was instrumental in encouraging the state to donate to the city the land that became Rucker Sports Complex.

Thaden was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin, the son of Jerry Herman and Irma Twaites



Jerry Thaden

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### WORKSHOP

**Free Parenting Classes**  
Ivy Tech Community College Madison  
June 14 & 15  
590 Ivy Tech Drive, Madison  
Choose between 3 sessions (1.5 hours): 2 sessions Friday, June 14, one at 10 a.m. and one at 1 p.m., 1 session Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.

Resilient Jefferson County is sponsoring a parenting course to help caregivers learn about childhood trauma, known as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and to understand how trauma impacts raising their kids.

In the session, caregivers will learn ways to help parents care for themselves and their children and receive a set of fun, interactive books to share with their children.

Attendees will receive a free \$25 Amazon gift card. Seating is limited to 50 and registration is required.

To learn more and register for this event visit [www.resilientjeffersoncounty.org/parents](http://www.resilientjeffersoncounty.org/parents).

Deadline to register is Monday, June 10.

### EVENTS

#### IKE Retirees Breakfast

at Clifty Inn  
Tuesday, June 4 — 8 a.m.  
A breakfast for all retired Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corp. Clifty Creek plant employees and their guests for food and fellowship.  
For more information call 812-866-2574

### FUNDRAISERS

#### Fish Fry

Deputy Volunteer Fire Department  
14275 Mulberry St., Deputy  
Saturday, June 8 — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
A fundraising fish fry at the fire department cafeteria.

#### Pie & Ice Cream

Hanover United Methodist Church  
220 East Lagrange Road, Hanover  
June 15-16 — Noon to 5 p.m.  
A pie and ice cream fundraiser with proceeds going to the church food pantry.  
Free will donations.

### REUNIONS

#### Gustav & Rosa Sommer Reunion

Sunday, June 23 — 12:30 p.m.  
at Knights of Columbus Hall, Madison  
Bring a dish to share, personal silverware and drinks other than water or tea.  
For more information, call 812-493-5062.

### SENIOR EVENTS

#### Hanover Senior Citizens Center Exercising

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

#### Lunch

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.

Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

#### Madison Senior Citizens Center

208 West Main Street  
**Senior Meals**  
Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.

#### Game Days

The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.

The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
The games are free and open to senior citizens.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

#### Salvation Army Food Bank

331 East Main St., Madison  
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from noon to 1 p.m.  
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.  
For more information, call 812-265-2157.

#### House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East Second St., Madison  
Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m.  
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison.  
Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

### CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

#### Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity Methodist Church, Madison  
Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m.  
Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
For more information call 812-866-4843.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

To Settle the Estate of James Mick. The following personal property will be sold at public auction on:

**Saturday June 8, at 10:00 AM**  
**505 South Cr. 90 West North Vernon, IN**  
**Take Norris Avenue to Auction Site:**

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**SHOP-EQUIP. & MISC:** Sm. Drill Press, Scroll Saw, Air Comp., 10" Table Saw, Bench Grinder, Exp. Metal Wagon, 3' x 6' Wagon, Wheel Barrow, Push Cart, Single Axle 12' Trailer, 2 Push Mowers, Alum Ext. Ladders, Step Ladders, Sm. Tiller, 3 Burner Cooker, Chain Saw, Mounted Deer Heads, Horns, and Skeltons, Work-Blade Runner.

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The Rev. Dr. Doug Walker, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, on Friday presented the ceremonial key to the first home in the Habitat of Humanity of Southeast Indiana's new Clifty Woods subdivision to Anastasia James and her sons, Ezekiel (blue shirt) and Tobias (black shirt).



Anastasia James and her sons, Ezekiel (blue shirt) and Tobias (black shirt) enjoy sitting on the porch of their new home during the dedication ceremony for the first house of Habitat of Humanity of Southeast Indiana's new Clifty Woods subdivision on Madison's hilltop. Five more houses will be constructed in the subdivision, funded through assistance from the Bethany Legacy Foundation and other donors.

# 1st of 6 Habitat homes completed in Clifty Woods subdivision

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

The first of six Habitat for Humanity houses in the new Clifty Woods subdivision has been completed and celebrated Friday with a special dedication event.

The three bedroom home will be the residence of Anastasia James and her two children, Tobias and Ezekiel. "It's definitely a dream come true for me and my kids," said James.

In addition to the three bedrooms, the home will have a living room, kitchen, two bathrooms and a laundry room.

As part of the process, James was involved in the home's construction along with Habitat volunteers which she said "is one of the best feelings" to be involved in creating her family's new home.

Shelby Wilson, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana, said Ana and the kids "are amazing. We're really excited to get them in their new home and living here."

Half of the funding for the house was supported by Trinity United Methodist Church which also provided meals for volunteers during construction. "We're glad to be a part of this," said the church's pastor, the Rev. Dr. Doug Walker, who noted that helping people is part of the church's divine mission in serving others. "We will continue to support these endeavors because it's a very worthwhile endeavor."

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said the homes being constructed through Habitat for Humanity are "building community," explaining that "a way to build and strengthen the community is to invest in the community, and invest in families. The most important thing you can do or have as a family is a good home for your kids, to raise your kids in. I'm very proud of the fact the city of Madison is involved in this."

Courtney said he was inspired in March of 2022 by a previous Habitat for Humanity house dedication that was "a product



People gather before Friday's dedication ceremony to celebrate the first house of Habitat of Humanity of Southeast Indiana's new Clifty Woods subdivision on Madison's hilltop. Five more houses will be constructed in the subdivision, funded through assistance from the Bethany Legacy Foundation.

of hard work and a community working together." Because of that, he said the city of Madison wanted to become involved "to do this quicker because one of the challenges always is raising the money to build the home." The city's Redevelopment Commission committed \$150,000 to provide the infrastructure necessary to create building lots for the subdivision that included streets, curbs, storm sewers and other utilities to locate six homes on a cul-de-sac.

Courtney called the city's involvement with Habitat the "perfect partnership and collaboration. It's fostering what we all want which is a thriving, healthy community that invests in itself. I'm really thankful for all the work of the volunteers, for Habitat, for the donors, for city of Madison Redevelopment Commission to be involved in this" which he characterized as a "catalyst for new beginnings." that allows families to live "in a great new home and a new neighborhood."

Wilson said the floor joists and foundation are in place for the next Habitat home that will be constructed — a two

bedroom, two bath home. Applications are currently being accepted for the next home with the deadline extended to June 14. Applications can be picked up at Habitat's office at 931 Lanier Drive, Madison, and are also available for download on Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana's website at <https://www.habitatmadisonindiana.org/>

Requirements include a minimum of 250 hours of "sweat equity," including completion of financial education courses, working in Habitat's ReStore, and helping with the construction of the home, a \$750 down payment and an estimated \$3,000 to cover closing costs and homeowner's insurance, live in an area in which Habitat Southeast owns property, and allow Habitat Southeast to complete background and consumer checks.

Trevor Crafton, president of Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana, said, "If you know somebody who really needs an opportunity, that wants the opportunity to change the trajectory of where they're going, please give us the opportunity to sit down with them and hopefully change their direction" by providing them a home.

## Celebration a century in the making

Laura Craig celebrated her 100th birthday Friday at River Terrace Health Campus, pictured with her son, Philip Bibb, while Charlie Chambers (right) gives her a happy birthday greeting. Craig, who grew up in Saluda Township, has been a longtime resident of Madison.



Bob Demaree

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# Rebels end stellar season with regional loss to Providence

BY JORDAN BEAR

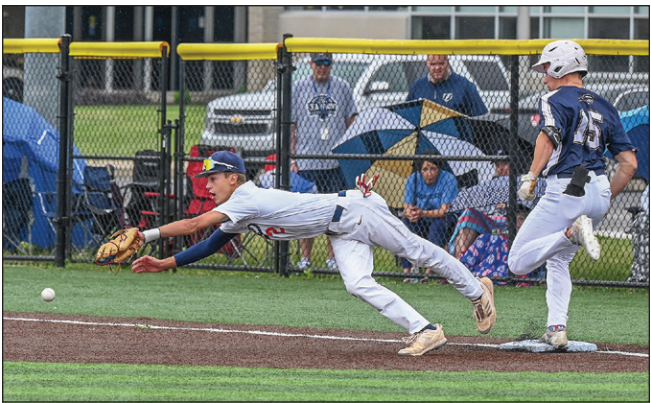
MITCHELL — Southwestern had all the confidence in the world going into its regional championship game on Saturday with ninth-ranked Providence. However, an disastrous first inning allowed the Pioneers to jump out to an early 4-0 lead and the Rebels could never overcome that deficit

while losing 9-4.

A leadoff walk, a throwing error, an obstruction call and a hit batter by the Rebels allowed the Pioneers to send nine batters to the plate and grab the early lead. Southwestern recovered and trailed only 5-4 going into the fifth inning but the Rebels could never climb out of the hole.

“That error in the first inning just really hurt and just like that we’re down 4-0,” Southwestern coach Dan Thurston said. “I told the guys we needed to get off to a good start and we stumbled. You can’t spot a team like Providence a 4-0 lead. They’re

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David Campbell

Southwestern's Braxton Lewis (left) dives and stretches for an errant throw as Providence's Jack Beyl (15) reaches first base during the Rebels' 9-4 loss at the IHSAA Regional on Saturday at Mitchell.



David Campbell

Southwestern High School golfer Jackson Taylor has signed to play college golf at hometown Hanover College.

# Southwestern's Taylor staying home to play golf at Hanover

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Jackson Taylor didn't have to look far for a place to play college golf. The recent Southwestern High School graduate has opted to play for hometown Hanover College this fall.

Taylor had plenty of options when it came to finding a college home, but in the end staying at home was his best decision.

“I wanted to play golf and when they offered to let me to play over here, I couldn't pass up on it,” Taylor said. “It's just close to home and I really like the campus and the teachers. It's just a good fit for me.”

Taylor emerged as the Rebels' No. 1 player a year ago and has solidified that position on a young Southwestern team that has gotten better as the season has

progressed. He is a big reason why the Rebels think they have a good chance of advancing out of the Madison Sectional, which was contested Monday.

According to Taylor, golf is the perfect outlet for his competitive skills. While he is a standout basketball player and has excelled at several other sports, golf is now what fuels his passion.

“I like the individual part. Like, it's on me. I gotta keep playing, keep moving forward,” Taylor said. “You don't have any help, you just have to kind of keep moving forward. I like that pressure on you and being out there by yourself.”

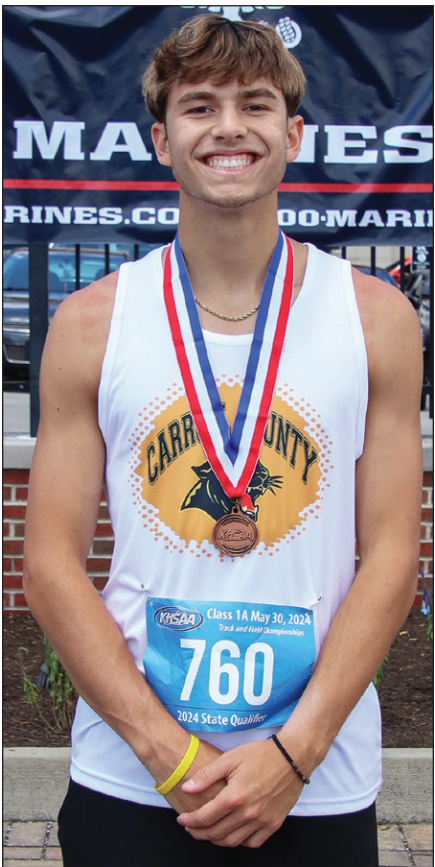
Like all golfers, Taylor is still working on his game. While he's pretty happy with his putting, he feels like he needs to improve on his driving in order to be more successful.

“My driver needs a little work,” Taylor smiled. “I need to get better consistency with my driver.”

Taylor has not yet chosen a major, but he does plan on commuting to Hanover while staying at home. But that can all be worked out later because right now his focus is on the sectional where the Rebels plan on being one of the top three teams to advance out of what should be an open field after sectional favorite Madison.

“I think we're looking pretty good. Hopefully the team plays well, and I think we can get out of there,” Taylor said.

Southwestern has not advanced out of the sectional since 2019. That year, the Rebels shot a 327 to place second to Madison by just eight strokes and win a trip to regional.



Ann Carter photo

CARROLL COUNTY'S SETH FRANKLIN

# Carroll's Franklin 4th at state high jump

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County's Seth Franklin finished fourth in the boys high jump at the KHSAA Class A State Championships at the University of Kentucky in Lexington on Thursday.

Franklin, a senior, recorded a height of 6 feet, 2 inches — 4 inches higher than his mark while placing 5th at regional. Williamsburg's Nate Goodin won the state championship at 6 feet, 6 inches.

Franklin was also 10th in the long jump at 20 feet, 1.75 inches — 8 inches shorter than his mark while winning regional — and 11th in the triple jump at 39 feet, 10.75 inches — more than a foot off his runner-up mark at regional.

Trimble County's Rebecca Kainer, also a senior, placed 13th in the girls 200-meter dash in 27.59 and 18th in the 400 dash in 1:04.29. Kainer's time in the 200 dash was .19 seconds faster than her fifth place at regional but her time in the 400 was 1.63 second slower than her runner-up at regional.

Beechwood won the boys state championship with 81 points and Carroll finished 29th with five points. Beechwood also won the girls title with 91 points.

MADISON'S DART 18TH AT STATE MEET

Madison senior Hannah Dart finished 18th in the shot put at the IHSAA Girls Track & Field State Championships at Indiana University in Bloomington on Friday.

Dart, who had placed third at regional, recorded a personal-best throw of 38 feet, 5 inches on her final

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# Celtics' Porzingis on track to return for NBA Finals against the Mavericks

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Whether injured Celtics center Kristaps Porzingis will be ready in time for the start of the NBA Finals this week is still to be determined.

But signs are pointing to him being able to return to the court sooner rather than later during Boston's matchup with the Dallas Mavericks.

The 7-footer hasn't appeared in a game since sustaining a strained left calf in Game 4 of Boston's first-round playoff series against Miami on April 29.

But 4-1 victories over the Heat and Cleveland in the second round, followed by a 4-0 sweep of Indiana in the Eastern Conference finals, have given the Latvian extended recovery time.

Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla has refrained from making predictions on when he expects Porzingis to be avail-

able. But he was clear that his team is better with Porzingis in the lineup, despite compiling a 9-1 record without him this postseason.

“When KP is at his best, he's been tremendous for us and we expect that from him and we know he'll give that to us,” Mazzulla said.

Porzingis last spoke publicly on May 4, saying of the injury, “It's something, it's not nothing,” and adding that it would take “a little bit of time” to recover from.

His official status since then has been day to day as he slowly began rehabbing for a chance to face the Mavericks team he played for from 2019-22.

Porzingis took to social media this week to provide his most significant update, posting on the X platform, “I'll be back in the lineup very soon. See you in the finals.”

Two days later, when the doors were opened to the

media Friday after a practice session, Porzingis was one of only a handful of players still on the court, going through extended 3-point shooting drills with assistant coaches and trainers. He wore a compression sleeve on his injured left leg.

Then, on Saturday he participated in light 5-on-5 play with his teammates — his most extensive on-court work-out since sustaining his injury.

Mazzulla said Porzingis “did everything the team did” during Saturday's practice and was expected to go through a more intense session on Sunday.

Assuming he clears that benchmark, it would mark the most promising sign yet that the Celtics could soon get back the the scorer and rim protector that Boston traded longtime stalwart Marcus Smart for this past offseason.

When healthy, Porzingis has provided on both ends

of the floor, averaging 20.1 points, 7.2 rebounds and 1.9 blocks during the regular season while appearing in 57 games. Before his injury in the Miami series, he averaged 14.0 points, 5.7 rebounds and 1.5 blocks.

Porzingis missed seven games earlier this season with what the team called left calf injuries. He also missed time with a smattering of other issues this season, from inflammation and bruises in his right knee, right hamstring problems, a sprained left ankle and a sore back.

Those ailments added up to 25 missed games in which Boston went 21-4.

Celtics guard Derrick White, who was voted to the NBA All-Defensive third team along with teammate Jrue Holiday, said Porzingis' presence on the defensive end is hard to replicate.

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## LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

**Tuesday, June 4**

No local events

**Wednesday, June 5**

No local events

**Thursday, June 6**

**GOLF**

Madison, Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., IHSAA Regional at Champions Pointe Golf Course, 11 a.m.

**Friday, June 7**

No local events



HYDRO NOTEBOOK

Tate, Miss Madison team, fastest at Tri-Cities testing

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**  
Andrew Tate drove the U-91 Goodman Real Estate/Miss Madison to the fastest average lap speed at the Tri-Cities Spring Splash H1 Unlimited test session in Kennewick, Washington, on Friday. Tate, who moved over to Miss Madison Racing's newer 2018 vintage boat this season after driving a refurbished version of the team's older 2007 boat last year, laid down a lap of 165.828 mph on the 2.5-mile Columbia River race course. No tech inspections were held at the event. Tate's speed was more than 3 mph faster than his nearest competitor, defending National High Points Champion J. Michael Kelly, who drove the U-1 Beacon

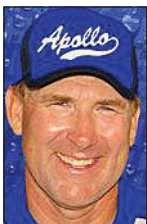


Andrew Tate

Electric to an average speed of 162.604 mph. Dustin Echols was third-fastest in the U-40 Bucket List Racing at 161.330 mph. A total of seven Unlimited hydroplanes took the opportunity to test on the circuit's fastest race course. Kelly's teammate, Corey Peabody, was the fourth-fastest at 160.034 in the U-9 Beacon Plumbing; Jaime Nilsen was fifth in the U-11 Miss Mercurys Coffee at 158.537; Bobby King was sixth-fastest at 152.533 in the U-12 Graham Trucking and Gunner O'Farrell was seventh in the U-21 Go Fast Turn Left Racing at 151.622. The test session is the only scheduled for the H1 teams before the season opener in Guntersville, Alabama, on June 28-30. The Madison Regatta will be held the following week on July 5-7.

**VILLWOCK TO MAKE RETURN**  
Dave Villwock, H1 Unlimited's

winningest driver, with a record 67 race victories, including 10 APBA Gold Cups and 10 National High Points Championships, will return to the sport this season as driver the U-27 Miss Apollo. Villwock, who turned 70 in February, has teamed up with Charley Wiggins to present one of the most technologically advanced unlimited hydroplanes ever constructed. The composite craft, utilizing carbon fiber and other advanced materials, was largely built over the last two years. With a new title sponsor, Apollo out of Kennewick, Washington, the team is expected to seriously challenge the entire fleet. Apollo, who will also title sponsor the Tri-Cities Water Follies Event for the next three years, is also title sponsor at Seattle's



Dave Villwock

Seafair event this summer. "It's an honor to be a part of the rich tradition of unlimited hydroplane racing and these two family festivals, that mean so much to the State of Washington. I have followed the sport for many years, and now to be the title sponsor of the Wiggins program with Dave Villwock, is a great honor. I am excited, our employees are excited, and our customers are excited," Bruce Ratchford, Founder and CEO of Apollo, said in a release. Apollo Mechanical is a leader in the construction of labs, health care, mission critical facilities, hospitality, government facilities, K-12, and higher education as a full-service mechanical contractor and is listed No. 5 among Mechanical Contracting Companies in the United States.

**MERCURYS COFFEE TO SPONSOR U-11**  
Mercurys Coffee Co. will

sponsor the U-11 Unlimited Racing Group Hydroplane Team for the entire 2024 season, the team has announced, marking the first time a coffee company has title-sponsored a boat on the circuit. "Similar to hydroplane racing, Mercurys Coffee Co. has a rich history and a passionate following in the Pacific Northwest," Morgan Harris, founder of Mercurys Coffee Company, said in a release. "We are excited to be part of the action and bring this sport to the forefront for new generations, not only here in Washington State, but nationally as well." Founded by Harris in 1998, Mercurys Coffee Co. has grown from a single drive-through stand in Woodinville, Washington, to 12 Seattle eastside locations — with four more in development — with more than 225 team members.

Southwestern, Shawe, Switzerland golfers close their regular season

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**  
Switzerland County's boys golf team scored a quad-meet win over Southwestern, Shawe and Rising Sun at Sunrise Golf Course on Thursday.

Switzerland shot a 176 to win the match with Jacob Williams carding a 42 to lead the Pacers and claim

low-medalist honors. Southwestern was second with a 182, Rising Sun was third at 196 and Shawe did not field a complete team. Blake Boley led Southwestern with a 43 while Braxton Lewis had a 45 and Jackson Taylor and Wyatt Barker each had 46. In non-scoring rounds, Wayde Barker had a 47,

Adam Boley a 48, Michael Sommer a 50, Jeremiah Loos a 57 and Shane Hardy a 65. All local teams returned to action at Sunrise on Monday for the IHSAA Sectional Tournament. The regional will be held at Champions Pointe Golf Club near Henryville on Thursday.

Laney-Hamilton, Jones lead Liberty rout of Fever

**BY DOUG FEINBERG**  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — Caitlin Clark had just one basket and three points in the worst game of her young pro career, and the New York Liberty routed the Indiana Fever 104-68 on Sunday night. "I think collectively as a team, we understand who kind of the head of the monster is on that team and we are trying to just make everything tough and difficult," Liberty guard Sabrina Ionescu said. "Obviously, they came off a back-to-back, so it's a little bit tough for them as well. But she'll figure it out. It's not that big of a deal to have a game like that." Betnijah Laney-Hamilton scored 20 points and Jonquel Jones added 18 for the Liberty, who were nearing the end of the easy win when Clark left the game and Aliyah Boston departed a few minutes later after an awkward fall that injured her left ankle. Clark shot 1 for 10 and had five assists. The No. 1 pick in the draft played the first few minutes of the fourth quarter before exiting, holding her left ear for a little bit as she left the court. She hurt it while getting bumped on a screen. Clark went to the locker room with Boston for a few minutes, but returned to the bench for the final 2 1/2 minutes of the game. Clark was fine afterward. Indiana coach Christie Sides didn't have an update on the extent of Boston's injury, but last season's Rookie of the Year seemed to be OK walking around in front of the locker room. The Fever have had a brutal stretch to the start the season with 11 games in the first 20 days, including playing New

York three times now. "Their legs were shot. I mean, that's where everything stems from, your legs, when you shoot the basketball — especially for 3s," Sides said. "They're shot, they're gassed, so everything was a little short." Indiana was playing the second game of a back-to-back set. The Fever (2-9) beat Chicago on Saturday afternoon by one point. The Liberty took advantage of the tired Fever, racing out to a 31-13 lead after one quarter. Laney-Hamilton and Breanna Stewart each had seven points in the opening 10 minutes as New York pushed the pace. Clark was scoreless in the first quarter before starting off the second period with a logo 3-pointer. She was constantly hounded defensively by Laney-Hamilton and Kayla Thornton. New York led 55-37 at the break. Indiana got within 12 early in the third quarter before the Liberty blew open the game. Kelsey Mitchell scored 21 points to lead Indiana.

**BRINGING IN FANS**  
Clark has been a huge draw at home and on the road this season. New York had 17,401 fans in attendance for the game.

**UNSELFISH PLAY**  
All five Liberty starters had at least four assists as the team combined to have 30.

**UP NEXT**  
**Fever:** Indiana finally gets time to rest as its next game is Friday in Washington.  
**Liberty:** New York travels to Chicago for a rematch against the Sky, who handed the team its first loss of the season.

Friedl's 3-run homer lifts Cincinnati over slumping Cubs 5-2 on Sunday

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

CHICAGO — TJ Friedl hit a three-run homer, Nick Lodolo pitched six effective innings and the Cincinnati Reds beat the slumping Chicago Cubs 5-2 on Sunday. Jake Fraley had three hits for Cincinnati, which took two of three in the weekend series. Spencer Steer and Jeimer Candelario each had two hits. Lodolo (5-2) allowed two runs and seven hits in his second straight win. The left-hander struck out three and walked one. Nick Martinez pitched two scoreless innings for Cincinnati before Alexis Diaz got three outs for his 12th save. Cincinnati grabbed control with four runs in the second. Jonathan India hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly. After Will Benson struck out swinging for the second out, Friedl hit a three-run shot into the bleachers in right for his first homer of the season. Friedl has played in just 10 games. The outfielder began the season on the injured list with a broken right wrist. He broke his left thumb when he was hit by a pitch last month and then was reinstated from the IL on Wednesday.

**REDS 5, CUBS 4**  
Santiago Espinal hit a two-run homer while pinch hitting in the seventh



Nam Y. Huh | Associated Press

Cincinnati Reds' TJ Friedl hits a three-run home run during the second inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs in Chicago, Sunday, June 2, 2024.

inning and the Cincinnati Reds held on to beat the sliding Chicago Cubs 5-4 on Friday. Espinal, who entered hitting just .195, batted for Will Benson with zero outs and Jonathan India on first after a walk. He sent Drew Smyly's first pitch into Wrigley Field's left-center bleachers for his third homer, giving Cincinnati its first lead at 4-3. Tyler Stephenson had two hits and drove in a run for the Reds, who ended a two game slide. Nick Martini added an

RBI and TJ Friedl singled in an insurance run in the ninth. The Reds needed it.

**CUBS 7, REDS 5**  
Dansby Swanson hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-5 on a rainy Saturday night. Seiya Suzuki committed an ugly error and hit his first career grand slam — in one wild inning — as Chicago won for just the second time in its last 10 games. Nico Hoerner walked twice, scored two runs and drove in another.

Mark Leiter Jr. (2-3) got three outs for the win, and Héctor Neris handled the ninth for his seventh save in nine opportunities. The game was tied at 5 when Hoerner walked with one out in the eighth against Lucas Sims (1-2). Swanson followed with a drive to left-center on an 0-2 fastball for his fifth homer. Hunter Greene allowed three hits in six innings, but issued five walks and hit two batters. The right-hander went 3-0 with a 1.95 ERA in his previous six starts.

LOCAL LEAGUES

**Hanover Parks Department**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**  
**Boys Coach Pitch**  
Jendy's Of Hanover D-Backs 16, Sutter For Prosecutor Orioles 10 — Landon Smith scored 4 runs for th D-Backs. Gabe Mouser, Ryker Leach, Zackary Boekeloo and Kaden Fish all scored 2 runs for the Orioles. Morgan & Nay Funeral Cardinals 19, First Financial Bank Athletics 4 — Liam Schafer, Jack Richmer, Emerson Smith, Clayton Backus, Everetts Chang, Kace Wainscott, Kaine Smothers and Beckham Means all scored 2 runs for the Cardinals. Grady Uebel scored 2 runs for the Athletics.

**Women's Summer League Softball**  
Kasselman Family McDonald's 23, Tap Room D D Lites 1  
**THURSDAY, MAY 30**  
**Girls Coach Pitch**  
Ashby's Auto Detailing Tigers 18, Xtreme Precision Products Mad Runners 17 — Remington Boram scored 4 runs for the Tigers. Blakely Adams scored 5 runs for the Mad Runners. Key Manufacturing Purple Diamonds 9, Emerald Transformer Red Pandas 5 — Nora Robison scored 4 runs for the Purple Diamonds. Ainsley Yount scored 2 runs for the Red Pandas.  
**Girls Kid Pitch**  
Fizz'z Bike Shop Lady Gators 16, Fair Way Lending Wild Cubs

12, 7 inn. — Emma Perkins and Oakley Hatfield both scored 3 runs for the Gators. Blair Ralston, Brooke Kramer and Braylon Smith all scored 2 runs for the Wild Cubs. Midwest Tube Mills Attitude Apples 15, Andersons' Sales & Service Oompa Loompas 3 — Lanie Gossman scored 3 runs for the Attitude Apples. Averie Russell, Claire Hoskins and Annika Moscoe all scored 2 runs for the Oompa Loompas.  
**Boys Kid Pitch**  
Layman Hummel Insurance Dodgers 11, German American Bank Red Sox 3 — Max McCollum and Brogan Tingle both scored 2 runs for the Dodgers. Pennilane Antiques Cardinals 10, Madison Land Title Mar-

lins 4 — Weston Wehner, Christian Jacobs and Conner Bailey all scored 2 runs for the Marlins.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 31**  
**Boys Coach Pitch**  
Steinhardt Heating And Air Conditioning Dodgers 13, Nutrien Ag Solutions Rockies 2 — Maverick Nolan and Sawyer Downey scored 3 runs for the Dodgers. Clark Farms Reds 18, Sutter For Prosecutor Orioles 17 — Dawson Smith scored 3 runs for the Reds. Zackary Boekeloo scored 4 runs for the Orioles.  
**Girls Machine Pitch**  
Napiers Trucking Dolphins 20, Eye Care Group Blue Jays 6 — Ella Massie scored 3 runs for

the Dolphins. Khaleesi Gonzalez scored 2 runs for the Blue Jays. Wright Implement Hoosiers 19, Pawlak Orthodontics Swifties 7 — Nicole Jones scored 4 runs for the Hoosiers. Holland Kring and Kate Liter both scored 2 runs for the Swifties.  
**Boys Machine Pitch**  
Thornton Terrace Yankees 11, Tandy's Trucking & Excavating Padres 5 — Gatlin Wentworth, Hunter Cloud and Trey Carlton all scored 3 runs for the Yankees. Eli Smith scored 2 runs for the Padres. Pawlak Orthodontics Orioles 13, Hilex Poly Pirates 12 — Brycen Davidson scored 3 runs for the Orioles. Walker Alderman and C.J. May both scored 3 runs for the Pirates.



# Mavs living up to Irving's late season prediction

**BY TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Kyrie Irving was not making a threat, nor was he boasting, nor was he saying anything that would be considered outlandish. It was the final week of the regular season. He and the Dallas Mavericks had just clinched a division title and Irving was asked to talk about what it means.

He didn't look back. He looked ahead.

"We just know that the job isn't finished," Irving said in Miami that night. "And we're just getting started."

Turns out, he was right. The Mavericks — who spent most of February and March looking destined for the play-in tournament, a team that was barely better than a mediocre 26-23 after 49 games — figured things out just in time, and a trip to the NBA Finals is their reward.

Dallas will visit Boston in Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Thursday night. It's a matchup of the teams with the NBA's two best records since Feb. 1; Boston has gone 39-9 in that span, Dallas 36-15.

# Pelicans will use final Lakers' 1st-round pick from Davis trade

**BY BRETT MARTEL**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Pelicans have opted to wait until 2025 to use the last of the three first-round draft choices they received from the Los Angeles Lakers as part of the 2019 Anthony Davis trade, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Saturday because no announcement had been made about the decision, which means the Lakers will retain their selection in the first round of this year's draft on June 26, when they are slated to pick 17th overall.

It also leaves the Pelicans with only their own first-round pick at No. 21 in

Boston also had the best record in the league before Feb. 1 (37-11), while Dallas was only 14th best in that stretch (26-22).

"It doesn't happen a lot of times (where) you go from the lottery to the finals," Mavericks coach Jason Kidd said. "But we truly believe that we had the pieces."

A year ago, they didn't. When this season started, they didn't have all the pieces they needed, either. But since swinging trades for Daniel Gafford and P.J. Washington in February, the Mavericks have been one of the best teams in the league — and going 16-2 in one late stretch of the regular season only reinforced Irving's belief that something good was happening.

"That's the type of confidence that I felt the majority of this playoffs, just no matter what's going on — in the beginning of the game, middle of the game, before the game — our words of affirmation and positivity go a long way," Irving said.

this year's draft.

Under the terms of the Davis trade, the Pelicans cannot wait beyond 2025 to use the pick, which is the last remaining Lakers asset they are owed from that deal.

The blockbuster trade shortly before the 2019 draft sent the Pelicans three Lakers players: Brandon Ingram, Lonzo Ball and Josh Hart. Only Ingram remains with New Orleans, but he is entering the final season of his contract.

The Pelicans won the draft lottery in 2019, when they selected Duke star forward Zion Williamson first overall. They then used the Lakers' No. 4 overall pick in a trade for the eighth and 17th overall picks, as well as the 35th overall choice in the second round.

# RETURN

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"He does a great job of just making things difficult," White said. "It's always nice to know that he's back there, whether he blocks or he doesn't block. He makes them think about it. That's been really great having him on our side, just doing the things he did day in and day out. Once he comes back and gets in the flow I think it's going to be nice."

Holiday said one of the reasons the Celtics have been able to excel without Porzingis during this stretch is because they remember what it was like going through those periods during the regular season without him.

# REBELS

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too good, but I am so proud of my guys for playing until the very final play. They left it all on the field."

Southwestern didn't flinch after that opening haymaker by the Pioneers and quickly loaded the bases in the bottom of the first inning before cutting the lead to 4-2 on a two-run single by Brady Cook.

Providence (19-7) answered right back with a run of its own in the second to push the lead back to 5-2. The Rebels responded once again by jumping on Pioneers starting pitcher Blake Straub with a beautifully executed suicide squeeze by Adam Traylor and a wild pitch to cut the margin to 5-4.

The fourth inning was one where the Rebels thought the game was in their hands. Jamison Lewis faced the top of the order and was able to work out of trouble to keep the one run deficit. However, the Rebels couldn't answer as the Pioneers switched pitchers and the Rebels couldn't get anything going against reliever Gavin Jackson and went into the fifth still trailing 5-4.

Thurston knew that failing to rally after chasing the Providence ace was a huge moment in the game.

"I said if we could get through the fourth inning without any runs, we were going to win the game," Thurston said. "We couldn't push anything across though and I think had we been able to do something there, this outcome could be different."

The Pioneers made the Rebels pay by adding two runs in both the fifth and sixth innings and Southwestern never answered while seeing its stellar season come to an end.

Jamison Lewis took his first loss of the season as he allowed nine runs — seven earned — while recording seven strike-



David Campbell

Southwestern's Jamson Lewis (16) slides across home plate as teammate Austin Jenkins (4) watches and Providence pitcher Blake Straub (7) backs up the throw during the Rebels' 9-4 loss at the IHSAA Class 2A Regional on Saturday at Mitchell.

outs. He was also 2-for-2 at the plate with a double and two runs scored.

Brady Cook was 1-for-3 at the plate with two RBIs for the Rebels, Traylor had a hit and an RBI and Will Stockdale had a hit and scored a run.

Luke Kruer was 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs for Providence, Lucas Mauk was 3-for-3 with two doubles, an RBI and a run scored, Gavin Jackson had a double and two RBIs and Jake Beyl had a double.

Straub allowed four earned runs on five hits in three and a third innings with six strikeouts and three walks for the win. Jackson worked a scoreless three and two-thirds innings for the save.

Southwestern finishes the season with a 21-8 record, the Rebels' third 20-win season in the past four years. They also won their fourth-straight Ohio River Valley Conference championship and first sectional title since 1999.

The Rebels have to say goodbye to three outstanding seniors — Jamison Lewis, Stockdale and Peyton Cloud — and Thurston said all three will be

missed greatly and hopes they realize what they have accomplished this year and in their careers.

"I told Jamison in the huddle that him and my son are the two best pitchers I've ever coached. That speaks for itself," Thurston said. "William Stockdale is an unbelievable kid who has been our leader and has been a game changer. Peyton Cloud, I'm so happy he decided to come out for his senior year because he's started every game and has been great for us."

The three seniors will all play sports at the college level. Lewis has signed to play baseball for DePauw and Stockdale will play baseball for College of DuPage while Cloud will play basketball at University of Saint Francis.

"This year, we won our fourth straight ORVC Championship, beat Madison for the first time ever, and won our first sectional championship in 25 years. This has truly been an incredible season and I love those guys. I'm so proud of them and they're all going to do amazing things at the next level."

# FRANKLIN

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attempt. She finished less than 3 feet out of the top 10. Bloomington North's

Hadley Lucas won the event with a throw of 51 feet, 11.005 inches and the discus with a state-record toss of 169 feet, 6 inches.

Warren Central won the team state championship with 57.5 points. Bloomington North was second with 41.

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# Arizona 1st national seed out of baseball regionals

**BY ERIC OLSON**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Tucson Regional was widely considered the toughest of the 16 in the NCAA Tournament. Host Arizona found out just how tough, becoming the first national seed eliminated.

Dallas Baptist knocked out the No. 13 Wildcats with a 7-0 win Saturday, less than 24 hours after Grand Canyon, the No. 4 regional seed, beat them 9-4.

Meanwhile, Evansville topped VCU 17-11 in Greenville, North Carolina, and is a win away from becoming the third No. 4 regional seed in four years to advance to the super regionals.

Arizona, picked ninth in the Pac-12 in the preseason, swept the conference regular-season and tournament championships and was made host of a regional

al including four teams with a combined .649 winning percentage.

The Wildcats had gone a combined 10-1 in the two previous regionals it hosted at Hi Corbett Field and made it to the College World Series both times (2012 and 2021).

But they went scoreless over their last 12 innings this weekend, and the loss to No. 2 regional seed Dallas Baptist marked only the second time they've been shut out this season.

The Wildcats were 12 for 64 (.188) in the two regional games, including 5 for 27 with runners on base.

"It's glaring to me how good everybody is in college baseball," Arizona coach Chip Hale said. "You look at Grand Canyon, We played them four times and they beat us three, and they're supposedly a mid-major. It's a great

thing about college sports in general. We see it in the NCAA basketball tournament. We see big upsets. It's fun for those teams. It's not fun for us."

Missouri Valley Conference champion Evansville, in the tournament for the first time since 2006, upset No. 16 national seed East Carolina on Friday and won a slugfest against VCU on Saturday. The Purple Aces homered four times, including Brent Widder's grand slam, and finished with 15 hits. They scored 17 runs for the third time in six games.

The Aces played East Carolina in the first of two regional finals Sunday, losing 19-6, but the two were to play the winner-take-all game Monday to join 2023 Oral Roberts and 2021

South Florida to advance as a No. 4 regional seed.

Seven of the top eight national seeds advanced to regional finals. No. 5 Arkansas lost 7-6 to Kansas State and would have to win an elimination game against Southeast Missouri and beat the Wildcats twice to make the super regionals for the fifth time in six years.

**HIGH POINT'S, WELL, HIGH POINT**

High Point's 10-9 walk-off win over Vanderbilt marked the Panthers' first victory in their program's first regional appearance and a quick exit for the Commodores.

Vanderbilt went two games and out in the tournament for only the second time in 22 all-time

appearances. The Commodores also went 0-2 in 2016.

"That's kind of new territory for us," coach Tim Corbin said. "But that falls on myself and you've got to look in the mirror and say it's not good enough, for, at least from the standard that we've created."

The Big South champion Panthers made it to Sunday when Miggy Echazarreta singled into right field to drive in Adam Stuart with one out in the bottom of the ninth.

"Incredible game for our program and for these young men," coach Joey Hammond said. "We didn't blink at any point in time. It's who we are and it's what we have been doing all year. We are not surprised by it."

**PIRATES PREVAIL**

No. 16 national seed East Carolina defended its home field with a 7-6 walk-off win over 2023 College World Series participant Wake Forest. It was an odd elimination game matching probable top-15 picks in next month's amateur draft, with Wake's Chase Burns going against Trey Yesavage.

Burns allowed four runs in five innings; Yesavage gave up a run on one hit and four walks in 7 1/3. The game, however, came down to the ninth inning and light-hitting Luke Nowak. Wake scored five runs in the top half to go up 6-4, but the Pirates' first five batters reached in the bottom half before Nowak, batting .191, ended it with a base hit to right.

## UK beats Indiana State to advance to super regional

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
LEXINGTON — Mason Moore had six strikeouts over six scoreless innings, Ryan Nicholson and Emilien Pitre each hit a home run and host Kentucky beat Indiana State 5-0 Sunday night to win the Lexington Regional.

Kentucky (43-14) clinched a berth in the super regionals for the second consecutive season and the third time in program history.

Pitre drew a one-out walk in the first inning, moved to third on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly by Devin Burkes to make it 1-0 in the top of the first and the Wildcats led the rest of the way.

Moore (9-0) allowed four hits and three doubles with a wild pitch for Kentucky. After Jackson Nove retired two batters, Cameron O'Brien came on and struck out five over 2 1/3 scoreless innings.

Nicholson hit a solo homer in the second and Nick Lopez scored when Nolan McCarthy was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the third to give Kentucky a 3-0 lead.

Pitre hit a two-run home run in the top of the seventh inning to make it 5-0.

Randal Diaz went 2 for 4 and Mike Sears was 1 for 3 with a double and a walk for Indiana State (44-15).

The Sycamores left at least one runner in scoring position in the second, third, fourth, fifth and eighth innings.

Kentucky, which had beaten Western Michigan 10-8 on Friday and Illinois 6-1 on Saturday, will now host Oregon State (45-15), which advance from the Corvallis Regional on Monday 11-6 over UC Irvine in a game that was suspended Sunday night with the Beavers leading 6-4 in the bottom of the fourth inning.

## Southern Miss routs Indiana 15-3 to reach Knoxville Regional final

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Ozzie Pratt had four hits, Colby Allen allowed one run in seven innings, and Southern Mississippi routed Indiana 15-3 on Sunday to reach the championship round at the Knoxville Regional of the NCAA Tournament.

Southern Mississippi's 15 runs came in bunches, scoring five in the first inning, six in the third and four in the fourth. Pratt, Slade Wilks and Matthew Russo had three RBIs each. The Golden Eagles amassed 16 hits with 11 singles and five doubles.

Pratt went 4-for-6 and scored twice, Wilks went 3-for-5 with three runs and Davis Gillespie also had three hits for Southern Miss (43-19).

Allen (10-2) allowed four hits and a run in his seven innings. He struck out eight and walked two.

After falling behind 15-0, the Hoosiers (33-26-1) got a run in the fifth and two in the ninth on home runs by Devin Taylor and Jasen Oliver, respectively.

The Golden Eagles advanced to the regional final against host and No. 1 overall seed Tennessee later on Sunday.

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DISC	31	38	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Catch (N)		(05) Catch		(05) Catch		Catch		
DISN	25	29	(10) **** Zootopia ('16)				Big City Big City		Big City Big City	Big City Big City	Big City Big City	Big City Big City	Raven		
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		SportCtr (N)		I'm Just Here for the ...				E60		The Ulti (N)	Sports..	
FREE	18	40	Movie		**** Toy Story 3 ('10) Tom Hanks.				**** Toy Story 4 ('19)				700Club		
FX	40	28	(4:00) * Spider-...		**** Black Widow ('21) Scarlett Johansson.						Bear		Bear	Movie	
HBO	201	17	(5:05) * Great Li...		Real, Bill Maher		* Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon				(05) Ren Faire		Movie		
MAX	270	73	(20) *** Keanu ('16)				* Altitude ('17)				* Whiteout ('09)			Movie	
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo		
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..		TwoM..		TwoM..		**** The Dark Knight Rises ('12) Christian Bale.						
PARSHO	221	16	(5:50) * Mission: Impossible II (P)				Travelers		(05) * The Inspection		(40) The Chi				
TMC	233	74	(5:35) * 13 Hours: Secret Soldiers o...				**** The Fighter ('10) (P)				* Warrior Strong ('23)				
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FREE	18	40	(5:30) **** Alice in Wonderland				**** Alice Through the Looking Glass					Royal..		700Club
FX	40	28	(4:30) * Free Guy			**** Bullet Train ('22) Joey King, Brad Pitt. (P)					Bear		The Bear	
HBO	201	17	(10) **** Black Swan ('10)				**** The Iron Claw ('23)				(15) We're Here		Movie	
MAX	270	73	Movie		(35) **** Cedar Rapids			* Over Her Dead Body		* Some Kind of Beautiful			Movie	
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)			On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	* Law Abiding Citizen ('09) Jamie Foxx.							* American Ga..
PARSHO	221	16	(5:45) * Mission: Impossible -- Gho...				**** Tropic Thunder ('08)				*** The Beach Bum (P)			
TMC	233	74	(10) * Showing Up ('22)				**** Carol ('15) Cate Blanchett.				**** Frida ('02) (P)			
TNT	27	43	Supernatural			Supernatural		*** The Meg ('18) Jason Statham.					* Pirates of the ...	
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FREE		18	40	(4:00) * Mrs. Do...		***** Up ('09)		Edward Asner.		**** Tarzan ('99)				700Club	
FX		40	28	(4:30) *** Bullet Train			*** Bad Boys for Life ('20)				Will Smith.		Welcome to		Welco..
HBO		201	17	(5:40) **** Furious 7 ('15)				**** Dune: Part Two ('24)					(5:50) Shapes		
MAX		270	73	Movie		(25) **** Gemini ('17)		* Wes Craven Presents: ...			* Wes Craven Presents: ...			Movie	
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TMC		233	74	Movie		(35) * Brown Girl Begins		**** Dreamgirls ('06)				* Fighting Temptations			
TNT		27	43	(5:15) * Kingsman: Golden Circle				* Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies					* Birds of Prey ...		
USA		26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		*** Pacific Rim Uprising ('18) (P)					* Pacific Rim U...		







# Cindric takes Cup race after Blaney runs out of gas

**BY JEFF LATZKE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISON, Ill. — Austin Cindric emerged as the surprise winner of the NASCAR Cup series race Sunday at World Wide Technology Raceway when teammate Ryan Blaney ran out of gas while leading on the final lap.

Blaney, the reigning NASCAR Cup series champion, appeared to be on his way to his first win of the season after fighting off a challenge from Christopher Bell, who had his own car trouble in the closing laps.

Cindric, who had pitted just one lap after Blaney, took advantage of the situation and notched his second career victory. The other came in the 2022 Daytona 500.

“It was like my first time all over again,” Cindric said. “It’s been so long. Even just standing up on the roof of my car, I about fell over in Victory Lane.”

Denny Hamlin came in second, recording his sixth straight top-5 finish. Brad Keselowski was third, followed by Tyler Reddick and Joey Logano.



Jeff Roberson | Associated Press

Austin Cindric celebrates after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at World Wide Technology Raceway on Sunday in Madison, Ill.

Cindric said he didn’t find out until he reached Victory Lane that Blaney had run out of gas — or that it might have been an issue for him.

“Probably the two best cars at the end of that race both had an issue, and the third-place car wins the race. That’s the way I see it,” Cindric said. “I mean, it’s not like I went out

there and I took the lead away but we were in position, and this is one of our best-executed races so far this year with probably our best speed.”

The three Penske cars — Cindric, Blaney and Logano — did not pit in the break between the second and third stages, and that put them in position to go for Team Penske’s first

win of the year.

“It’s been miserable to be in our shop here lately. We expect to win,” said Logano, a two-time series champion who entered the race 17th in points. “We got used to winning and when you’re fighting for 20th, it’s quite the kick in the you-know-what.”

Bell, the winner of last week’s rain-shortened

Coca-Cola 600, had been the dominant car for much of the day in suburban St. Louis, leading 80 of the 240 laps.

Blaney and Bell duelled for the lead for several laps before Bell — just after finally squeezing ahead of Blaney briefly — let up and reported motor issues to his crew. Bell wound up seventh, getting a push by teammate Martin Truex Jr. on the straightaways in the final laps.

“I have no idea what happened — some sort of motor issue — and I’m surprised that it made it to the end,” Bell said. “So glad that we were able to salvage something out of it.

“But you don’t get race cars like that very often. And whenever you do, you need to take advantage of them.

Blaney settled for 24th, coasting around as the last finisher on the lead lap.

“Just one lap short,” Blaney said. “Really happy with our showing today, just I don’t know what I’ve got to do to get some luck on our side.”

Cindric’s crew chief, Brian Wilson, said the Penske team coordinat-

ed during the week on the decision to keep all three cars out at the start of Stage 3, but they didn’t share strategy on the final pit stop as they were competing for the win.

“I would have preferred to pit the same lap as him,” Wilson said. “They did a great job of disguising that.”

Pole sitter Michael McDowell led the first 40 laps before Bell maneuvered his way inside to take the lead for the first time.

**DEFENDING CHAMP CRASHES**

Kyle Busch and Kyle Larson were battling side-by-side for seventh on the final lap of Stage 2 when they got together in an incident that took the defending race champion out.

After the two rubbed on the front stretch, Larson tried to dive inside Busch going into Turn 1, but he got loose in the process. Larson’s car slid up the track and forced Busch into the wall. Busch’s race was over, but Larson was able to pit and return to the race in 29th place.

# John Force, 75, races to record 157th NHRA victory

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

EPPING, N.H. — John Force raced to his record 157th NHRA victory Sunday at age 75, beating teammate Austin Prock in the Funny Car final at the NHRA New England Nationals.

Force had a 4.081-second run at 319.29 mph in his Chevrolet Camaro SS, while Prock ran a 4.096 at 316.38.

“We had a good race car and what keeps me alive is driving this hot rod and all these fans,” Force said. “We all work together as a team and that’s what is most important. I wouldn’t

be here without this team of guys.”

Force won for the second time this season and the third time at New England Dragway. The 16-time Funny Car season champion also won the Mission #2Fast2Tasty Challenge on Saturday, with the double-up victory Sunday pushing him to the season standings.

Doug Kalitta won in Top Fuel and Troy Coughlin Jr. in Pro Stock.

Kalitta edged Tony Schumacher with a 3.802 at 332.92 in his dragster. The defending season champion has now won at every current track on the NHRA circuit.

Coughlin topped Erica Enders with a 6.584 at 210.05.

Funny Car great John Force earned his 157th career NHRA race on Sunday at the NHRA New England Nationals at New England Dragway, in Epping, N.H.

Marc Gewertz | NHRA



# Dixon wins record 4th IndyCar Detroit Grand Prix

**BY LARRY LAGE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Scott Dixon made some savvy decisions, choosing not to pit for rain tires early and calculating that he would have enough fuel to finish, that paid off at the Detroit Grand Prix.

Dixon also had some good fortune on his side.

“Some of it today was a little bit of luck,” he acknowledged.

Dixon won a record fourth Detroit Grand Prix, outlasting the competition in a caution-filled race on Sunday to become the first IndyCar driver with two victories this season. The six-time IndyCar Series champion won his 58th career race, trailing only A.J. Foyt’s total of 67 in the series.

The New Zealand racer was responsible for the fifth and final lead change on Lap 66, and held off a late charge from Marcus Ericsson to break a tie in the Detroit Grand Prix record books with Will Power and

Helio Castroneves.

The Chip Ganassi Racing driver finished nearly a second ahead of Ericsson and was followed by Marcus Armstrong, Kyle Kirkwood and Alexander Rossi thanks to strategy that also served him well during his win at Long Beach in April.

“Scott Dixon is the best ever at what he did today, saving the fuel,” Ericsson said.

The Detroit Grand Prix got off to a rough start and failed to find much of a flow as eight cautions stunted nearly half of the 100-lap race.

“I don’t think it’s embarrassing,” Dixon said. “Most people go to races to watch crashes. I don’t.”

Theo Pourchaire tapped Power from behind on the third turn of Lap 1, tangling several cars in a rare spot to potentially pass on the

tight, short and bumpy track.

Santino Ferrucci, whose driving drew Kyle Kirkwood’s ire in practice on Saturday, tried to get around Castroneves and clipped him. Castroneves, a four-time Indy 500 champion, was filling in for struggling Tom Blomqvist for Meyer Shank Racing in the hopes of picking up points, only to finish 25th.

“I think people are driving reckless,” Ericsson said. “We’re some of the best drivers in the world racing so we shouldn’t be having incidents like today.”

As if the track didn’t pose enough of a challenge, conditions added another obstacle on the nine-turn, 1.6-mile street course near the banks of the Detroit River.

Overnight rain removed some rubber from the street circuit and sporadic showers made it slick in spots.

Pole sitter Colton Herta, who led 31 laps early in the race, attempted to make an aggressive inside move midway through the race and lost control of the No. 26 Honda that went into a tire barrier and led to a 19th-place finish.

Dixon was thankful to be above the fray for much of the day.

“It was pretty wild,” he said.

**STAR WATCH**

Josef Newgarden had a humbling afternoon a day after Team Penske announced a multiyear

contract extension with the back-to-back Indianapolis 500 winner. Late in the race, Newgarden lost control of the back end of his car — with no one nearby — and hit a wall to set up a 26th-place finish in the 27-car field.

Reigning IndyCar champion Alex Palou, who won last year’s race in Detroit, started second and finished 16th to end a run of being eighth or better in points-paying races.

“A lot of guys that you know are going to be racing for a championship had a rough day,” said Dixon, who moved passed Palou, his Chip

Ganassi Racing teammate to become the season’s points leader.

**PARTY CRASHERS**

In the shadow of General Motors’ world headquarters, Honda dominated in Detroit, with only Rossi cracking the top five in a Chevrolet.

“It felt good to spoil the party, for sure,” Ericsson said.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Madison Regatta Board, PO box 341, Madison IN, 47243 has applied to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Law Enforcement, Under IC 14-15-7-3 and 312 IAC 5-3-1, for a permit to conduct a Motorboat Race. This event is scheduled to be held on July 4th-July 7th, the Ohio River in Jefferson county IN. Any person objecting to such an event may do either or both the following:  
File a petition with the central office of the division requesting an informal hearing. The petition must be signed by the least twenty-five (25) individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years old and who reside in the county where the event will occur. A hearing on this clause is governed by 312 IAC 2-3.  
Request the division notify the petitioner in writing when an initial determination is made to issue or deny the license. Following the receipt of notice under this clause, a petitioner may request administrative review of the determination under 312 IAC 3-1.

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**LEGAL NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING**  
**INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**CAUSE NO. 46061**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF WILLIAMS POWER, LLC FOR CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS BY THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ITS JURISDICTION OVER PETITIONER'S ACTIVITIES AS A PUBLIC UTILITY**  
Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in **Room 224 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 10:30 AM on July 24, 2024.** This hearing is open to the public.  
If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317. 232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.  
**INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**  
317.232.2701  
BY: IURC – Kehinde Akino, ALJ  
DATE: May 29, 2024

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**LEGAL**  
STATE OF INDIANA  
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT  
39C01-2404-EU-000028  
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF LESLIE D. WELCH, DECEASED.  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA  
In the Matter of the Estate of Leslie D. Welch, Deceased.  
Mary Beth Mock  
Law Office of Mary Beth Mock  
217 E. Main Street, Suite 201  
Madison, IN 47250  
Notice is hereby given that Anthony Vermillion was, on the 18th day of May, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Leslie D. Welch, deceased, who died on the 26th day of November, 2023.  
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 18th day of May 2024.  
/s/ Tabatha Eblen  
Tabatha Eblen  
Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court  
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STATE OF INDIANA  
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT  
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2404-EU-000031  
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY CARLSON, DECEASED.  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that on May 20, 2024, Karen Howard was appointed personal representative of the estate of Nancy Carlson, deceased, who died on February 28, 2024.  
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 20th day of May 2024.  
/s/ Tabatha Eblen  
Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court  
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**LEGAL**  
**Public Notice**  
The City of Madison Water Pollution Control Facility has issued a draft Industrial permit to Arvin Sango, Inc. under 40 CFR 403.3 (v) and the City of Madison Industrial Pretreatment Ordinance, located at 2905 Wilson Avenue, Madison, Indiana. This permit will become effective fifteen (15) days from the date of this public notice and this public notice initiates the public comment period. A copy of the draft permit is available for review at the City of Madison Water Pollution Control Facility located at 1213 West 1st Street Madison, Indiana. Comments on the Arvin Sango, Inc. Draft Permit must be received by June 17, 2024.  
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# Brees enters Saints HOF in a class by himself

**BY BRETT MARTEL**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

METAIRIE, La. — As Drew Brees reflected on his path to the Saints Hall of Fame, he listed off things that didn't go his way in the early stages of his athletic career.

"I'm a product of not getting what I want," Brees said while being introduced Thursday as the hall's lone 2024 inductee. "It got to that point where every day I woke up, I felt like I had something to prove."

Brees, who retired after the 2020 season at age 42, is in his first year of eligibility for the Saints Hall of Fame, which is run independently from the NFL club and honors players selected by a committee of New Orleans media. The committee agreed unanimously not to consider any other candidates in 2024 so the most accomplished player in franchise history would be in a class by himself.

In 2026, Brees becomes eligible for the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and could very well be elected on his first ballot.

He wasn't always viewed as Hall of Fame material.

Brees wanted to play

college football in his home state of Texas, but received scholarship offers from just Kentucky and Purdue.

He chose the latter, and expected to be a first-round NFL draft pick after leading the Boilermakers to the Rose Bowl and being named a Heisman Trophy finalist. Instead, he wasn't drafted until the top of the second round by the then-San Diego Chargers. Three years later, the Chargers took another quarterback — Philip Rivers — in the first round of the draft and let Brees go into free agency on the heels of a career-threatening throwing-shoulder injury at the end of the 2005 season.

There were "all of these examples of me not getting what I wanted, and yet it was molding me and strengthening me and turning me into who I was supposed to be," Brees said while his family looked on from the front row of an auditorium at Saints headquarters. "It was extracting the best out of me."

In New Orleans, Brees resurrected his career under a coach in Sean Payton who was willing to work collaboratively with

his QB in designing and calling the offense.

Brees' 80,358 career yards passing were an NFL record when he retired — a mark since eclipsed by only Tom Brady (89,214). Brees' 571 career touchdown passing rank second behind Brady's 649.

Meanwhile, the way Brees' career embodied resilience and renewal made him an inspiration in a city looking for a lift after the widespread devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

Brees bought and renovated a historic home in the city's Uptown neighborhood and proceeded to lead the 2006 Saints to 10 regular season wins — a seven-victory improvement — before energized sell-out crowds in the rebuilt Superdome. The storybook season culminated with the franchise's first trip to an NFC title game.

That was the first of nine seasons in which Brees led New Orleans to the playoffs.

The franchise's only Super Bowl appearance and championship came in the 2009 season, with Brees, selected as the title game's MVP, memorably celebrating with first child, Baylen, in his arms as confetti floated around them.

# Bears ready to embrace 'Hard Knocks' cameras

**BY ANDREW SELIGMAN**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Chicago Bears already figured to have plenty of eyes on them. There'll be a few more cameras now, too.

The Bears are ready to welcome the "Hard Knocks" film crew this summer after HBO and the NFL picked the founding franchise to be featured on the training camp documentary for the first time.

"It shows that we got something brewing here," linebacker Tremaine Edmunds said Friday. "Everybody wants to see what's going on."

Coach Matt Eberflus said the Bears are "excited about it" and won't act differently with the HBO crew around.

Chairman George McCaskey long resisted having the Bears participate. But with everything they have going on, now sure seems like a good time.

There are certainly plenty of stories to tell after the Bears made some huge moves in the offseason. The most notable, of course, were drafting quarterback Caleb Williams with the No. 1 pick after trading Justin Fields and acquiring six-time Pro Bowl receiver Keenan Allen from the Los Angeles Chargers. Chicago also drafted Washington's Rome Odunze, giving the team a deep group of wide receivers to go with the returning DJ Moore, and signed running back D'Andre Swift.

But it's not just the changes to the roster.

The Bears are trying to secure funding to help build an enclosed stadium on the lakefront next to Soldier Field after turning their attention away from a tract of land they purchased in suburban Arlington Heights. Chicago will also have a big presence at the Pro Football

Hall of Fame inductions with Devin Hester, Steve McMichael and Julius Peppers part of this year's class.

More than anything, the Bears believe they are poised to turn a corner. It's quite a change after going a combined 10-24 in their first two seasons under coach Matt Eberflus and general manager Ryan Poles.

"We have a good thing going here," Eberflus said. "We've got a good brotherhood, a good mindset. Obviously, you guys have heard about our culture and how tight we are as a group. That showed at the end of last year. That showed through adversity, and that's gonna show again this year."

Eberflus is no stranger to "Hard Knocks." He was Indianapolis' defensive coordinator in 2021 when the Colts became the first team to be featured during the regular season.

"We had a real positive attitude about it," Eberflus said. "We know we had really good people in the building and our message was going to be, who we are and how we operate. No one changes how they act, no one changes what they do, we just focus on our job and they're going to have special-interest stories that they do, which I think, some of them are really good. And we have a lot of them here in our building, so I'm excited to see that."

Swift was with Detroit when the Lions were featured in 2022. He took issue with the way his relationship with running backs coach Duce Staley was presented. A scene where he was challenged to fight for extra yards might have led viewers to question his toughness.

"They just tried to portray a different narrative than what it was as far as my relationship with Coach Staley," he said. "But it was a cool experience. I'll say it like that."

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# Panthers, Oilers to meet for Stanley Cup

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SUNRISE, Fla. — Matthew Tkachuk is about to renew some acquaintances. Connor McDavid is going back to where his NHL career started.

The Stanley Cup Final matchup is set: The Florida Panthers, back in the title round for the second consecutive year and seeking their first championship, will take on the Edmonton Oilers — a team looking to return to hockey’s mountaintop for the first time since 1990.

Edmonton wrapped up the Western Conference on Sunday night, eliminating the Dallas Stars with a 2-1 victory to end that series in six games. Florida won the Eastern Conference on Saturday night, topping the New York Rangers 2-1 to also finish off a six-game series.

Game 1 of the Cup final is Saturday night in Florida. The Panthers are in the title series for the third time; the Oilers are seeking their sixth Cup in what will be their eighth trip to finals. Edmonton hasn’t played for the Cup since losing a seven-game series to Carolina in 2006. And the Oilers have a chance to end a bizarre streak, given hockey’s meaning and deep ties to Canada — no team from a Canadian city

has won the Stanley Cup since Montreal in 1993.

“Unbelievable,” Oilers forward Ryan Nugent-Hopkins said in a televised on-ice interview Sunday night, as fans in Edmonton celebrated the clincher over Dallas. “Best fans in the league. It’s incredible to do it, to get to the next level in front of these fans. Obviously, we’ve got a ton of work to do. We’re playing a good team.”

There is serious star power on both sides. Florida has Tkachuk, Aleksander Barkov, Sam Reinhart and Sergei Bobrovsky among its leaders; Edmonton has McDavid, Leon Draisaitl, Zach Hyman and Nugent-Hopkins among its top draws.

Tkachuk came to Florida in a trade from Calgary in 2022 and famously got into the ties that bind — or don’t bind — hockey in Alberta at his introductory news conference with the Panthers, saying “I hate Edmonton, but I hate Tampa more now.”

This season’s playoff run for

Tkachuk and Florida started with Tampa Bay, a five-game win. It’ll end with Edmonton, and Tkachuk will surely be welcomed back to Alberta less than warmly.

“Nothing better than playing hockey in June,” Tkachuk said.

McDavid’s first Stanley Cup Final game will be in the building where he officially pulled on an NHL sweater for the first time. He was the No. 1 pick in the 2015 draft, one held in the building that the Panthers call home. Commissioner Gary Bettman was there to greet him with a handshake and a few words of congratulations when he took the stage that night — “this is awesome,” Bettman told him — and in a couple of weeks, Bettman will hand either McDavid or Barkov the Stanley Cup for the first time, the moment that captains in the NHL want to enjoy most.

“Feels like a dream, honestly,” McDavid said.

There’s going to be a slew of

names that get etched onto the Cup for the first time when this series is over, since hardly anyone on either side has previously been part of a championship.

For Florida, Vladimir Tarasenko won it with St. Louis in 2019 and Carter Verhaeghe won it with Tampa Bay in 2020. For Edmonton, Corey Perry won it with Anaheim in 2007 — and is now back in the title round for the fourth time in five years, with a fourth different franchise. He lost with Dallas in 2020, Montreal in 2021 and Tampa Bay in 2022.

“It’s unbelievable, being back in the finals,” Tarasenko said.

Neither head coach has won the Cup either. Florida’s Paul Maurice has coached 1,978 games in the NHL, third-most in league history; Edmonton’s Kris Knoblauch has officially coached 87 games, tied for 275th-most in league history. He filled in as coach for the Rangers in six other games in 2021, called up from the team’s American Hockey League affiliate because then-Rangers coach David Quinn and his staff were sidelined by COVID-19 protocols.

The Panthers won both games against the Oilers this season, 5-3 at home on Nov. 20 and 5-1 at Edmonton on Dec. 16. Knoblauch took over as coach after

13 games this season when Edmonton fired Jay Woodcroft following a 3-9-1 start; the only opposing coaches Knoblauch didn’t beat this season were Maurice and Tampa Bay’s Jon Cooper, going 0-2-0 against both.

“Last year, after we finished the Carolina series, trying to find the right word ... pandemonium is not the right word, but the energy level postgame was through the roof,” Maurice said, comparing this year’s East title win to last season’s victory in that round. “Slightly subdued this year relative to that. It was lots of happy people. But maybe we’ve got a little more experience now. And I feel that way, even on the bench. It wasn’t insanity. When the buzzer went, it was excitement, and rightfully so. We worked pretty hard to win.”

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